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"THIS body in which we journey across the isthmus between the two oceans is not a private carriage but an omnibus in which all of our ancestors ride."

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

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Preface

ABRAHAM LINCOLN characteristically said, "I don't know who my grandfather was: I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be." Although in later years, he preferred to emphasize his mother's influence, it is now known that he had distinguished English ancestors who were members of Parliament and that through his father's line he was especially favored. Moreover he has some remarkable descendants.

Aside from particular cases, one discovers in genealogy interesting details found neither in history nor novels, and however much one values Christian environment in the home and good health as the chief factors in the formation of character, there is nothing else so conducive to this fineness as the knowledge of models chiseled out by excellent ancestors. Furthermore the greatest authority we find in sacred literature, Joel says in Chapter one, verse three, "Tell ye your children of it and let your children tell their children and their children another generation."

When they cut down the wind swept mountain pines of Maine for cabins, and during those long days plowed straight furrows of rolling brown sod with stout oxen, when they explored the rocky Kennebec, and sheared their little gray bands of sheep for clothes woven and fashioned in candlelight by patient and prayerful women, these Hiltons laid foundations of longevity not often found today. During the old French War and through the entire period of Colonial history, this family suffered outrageous cruelty from the Indians. After the Revolution in each new frontier, they attained simple, peaceful security won by clean blood, clear heads and strong willing hands. We are proud to come after them.

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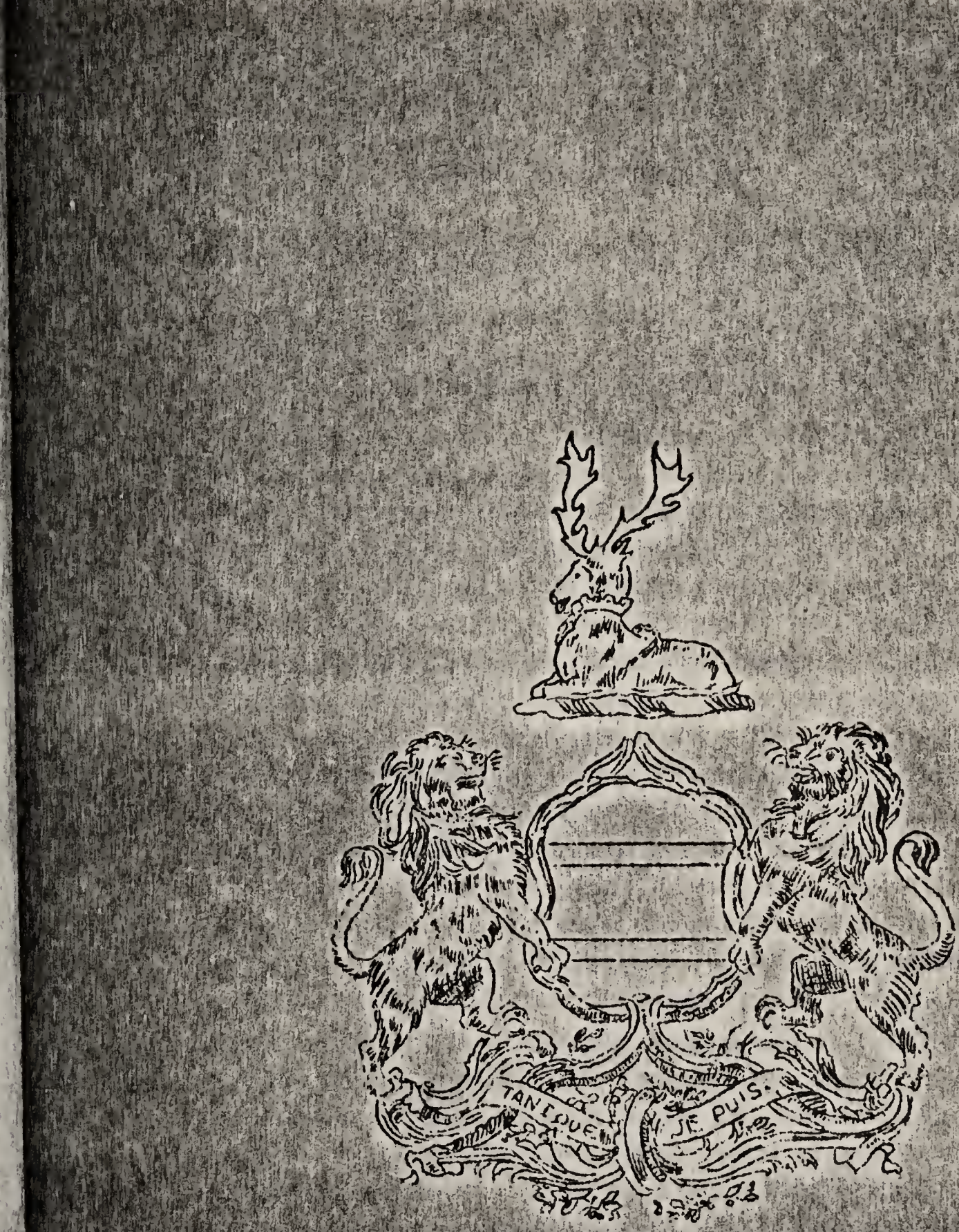
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CHAPTER I

FEUDAL BARONS ON THE WEAR

IN THE veins of the inhabitants of northern Britain ran the purest Anglo-Saxon blood of the entire island. The following facts explain this historical detail. Beginning about six hundred the Northmen in their Viking ships began to invade southern England and northern France. For two hundred years the home-loving herdsmen of Britain were no match for these towering war-like sea-rovers. Successive indemnities, amounting altogether, during the entire period, to approximately three hundred million dollars, were wrung from these Saxon farmers. This was a staggering sum for those times. During this terrible and discouraging devastation "clouds of boats," laden heavily with treasure, grain, and farm animals, passed and repassed the channel on the way south and east. Before this era the Romans had taken all the boys to be trained for war and never returned them, so England was weakened in every way.

However, some of those stronger Angles and Saxons in the south of the island, hostile to government by people different from themselves, refused to pass under the Danish yoke and withdrew to northern England. They were stopped at the rough foothills across the north by Scotch Highlanders, who were equally as fierce as themselves. They found on their borders tribes of merciless courage. In this environment the Hyltons and others developed into leaders; Hillaire Belloc calls them kinglets. The men were incessantly engaged in war. Consequently the women managed the crops and entire business of the plantations and, as a result, they grew to possess initiative and decision in the highest degree.

The derivation of the word Hylton is interesting. Of course, the hills of northern England furnish the first of the name. *Ton* means a measure by sea water. This came about by placing produce in a boat until the water came up to certain marks on the side of the vessel. *Ton* in French indicates style or manner, so the word is Saxon. Consequently the expres-

sion signifies measures on the hills or farmer barons who took a stated portion of the produce from the liege man in the Valley of the Wear below.

The first Christian teachers had arrived from Italy in western Britain during the sixth century. They built churches and schools. England had at hand all the native materials with which to create in time of peace lasting art. So, when the Danes continued to destroy their work, these people fled to the north with the undefeated nobles. They called a large part of this new country Northumbria. In the seventh century they selected a majestic elevation in Dunholm two thousand feet above the sea for a cathedral. This was in the process of construction over three hundred years. The word Dunholm evolved into Durham. Durham Cathedral, built over a thousand years ago, is even now one of the most enchanting places in Europe to visit. It is Italian in floor plan and architectural decoration.

The region abounds in literary significance. Clustered around this colorful church the Benedictines, the earliest order to reach Britain, established schools for boys and libraries of beautifully illuminated books of sheepskin. But for the work of these early church orders,—sometimes an entire lifetime being spent on one book,—most of the learning of these very times would have been lost. The ancestors of the Hilton families were accustomed to the books and art of these schools. These and other Northumbrian boys, chosen to be educated for knighthood as well as the church, at one time numbered six hundred at Durham Cathedral. They read and wrote Latin, but for everyday use continued to speak the language of the hills and croft, Anglo-Saxon. Moreover, at their firesides, on the plantations, their father warriors began to recite the songs of battle. They spoke of home in "loving sadness". It was here in the rugged hills of the North splashed with pink heather and yellow broom that the first true English literature was written. Whitby on the northeast coast and in the region frequented by the Hiltons became the birthplace of Anglo-Saxon literature. Venerable Bede, the father of English poetry, lies buried in Durham Cathedral. His tomb—the altar in the chapel called The Galilee—is built of blue marble.

The earliest portion of the island to be Christianized was Wessex in the southwest. Here a true Christian noble, Alfred the Great, was born and educated. He organized an army and set about to coordinate his people. Confining the Danes over in Essex and south of the Roman wall, he finally achieved peace. This having been accomplished, he turned his excellent mind to the translation of the Bible from the Latin into Anglo-Saxon, Old English, O. E., for the common man. The first scrap of history, the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, also was the work of Alfred. This was a record of kings, nobles, and wars. It contained only two legendary poems, the second one, according to Stopford Brook, being the *Song of the Fight at Maldon*. It is about an earldorman from Northumbria named Brihtnoth, which may have been one of the Hiltons. Thus this scholarly, military king saved Old English for Britain and the world.

Athelstan was the successor of King Alfred. He ruled England from 925 to 940. The inscription below the photograph of the castle mentions Sir William Hylton and his son Adam. The castle in Athelstan's time, however, did not appear as it does in the photograph. It probably was more like a fort of thick stone walls not over two stories in height but a home commodious and safe against the raids of the Highlanders north of the border. It remained for French trained artisans who came to England after the Battle of Hastings to construct the castle of the picture. Timbs and Gunn in *Abbeys. Castles and Ancient Halls* state that "For one hundred fifty years before the Conquest this family of Hyltons was one of the most opulant and eminent in northern England." This record covers a period back through both Athelstan and Alfred.

When the Normans, northmen from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, who had lived at least two hundred years in northern France, came over to England under William, they found their own people there. Though they had been Christianized and had become accustomed to the French language, nevertheless they retained many native customs and folkways. They brought color, chivalry, good manners, and organized government to Britain. However, instead of supplanting the pithy, rooted Old English of the fireside, their own language was

absorbed by it. Still, both spoken and written French enhanced native English literature with highlights and spots of beauty. This fertilized and growing language tree came to its fullest flower in the vocabulary of William Shakespeare. Three times outsiders had attempted to impose their foreign culture upon this stout island people and failed. They were the Romans under Caesar; the Danes, under a succession of kings; and finally the French, commanded by William; but all failed to entrench this enduring sign of victory upon them.

William found a well-organized feudal system in the North, and these Hyltons honored the new king as soon as he had established himself. He trusted these Christian soldiers from Durham, showing his gratitude for their co-operation by knighting Sir Henry, the son of Lancelot Hylton, in 1072. As clan after clan was received into the fold, either by marriage or for the protection of the manor, the castle was enlarged to accommodate them. At the time of Richard II, there were more than fifteen coats of arms displayed on the gate. Although the Doomsday Book did not record the surveys and deeds of Northumbrta or Durham, other records kept in abbeys just as authentic have been preserved. The Musgrave Manuscript testifies that the title ran through seven successions. Thus twenty generations of father to son lineage down to 1746 are a matter of history. The last peer, Baron William, was murdered for an offense spoken against the crown. This manuscript states that "several names known for piety and learning appear in the line, but they were chiefly known for the defense of their home and country." The Britannica, Volume III, Edition XIV, under "Baron" speaks of these brave families. The Compendium mentions the fact that two of the twelve Barons who forced King John in 1215 to sign the Magna Charta were Hyltons from "Durham Castle".

One fact is noticeable. Though some other prominent statesmen and citizens of old time England have had questionable phases in their lives, the record, frequently repeated through generation after generation, shows that this family were highly respected by their own associates and that they kept their precedence in church and state even after their domain had begun to crumble. They loved their homes and possessions

and looked after those entrusted to their care. These Hiltons were warriors to be feared but strong, clean men, who cherished their own. Today there is evidence that they, among other owners of manors, were stock breeders and scientific farmers. After hundreds of years of selection Durham registered cattle are known the world over. These beautiful animals possess skin as fine as creamy satin. A romantic legend about the cattle dates back to the search for a scenic place upon which to start their church at Dunholm. The hill is almost surrounded by the River Wear so the people in the valley called it an island, and holm is old Norse for island. The very day they sought out this place, gray cattle, dun-cows were discovered grazing upon the sides of the elevation. In true reverence for finding this fine location they placed a Dun-cow of stone in the Cathedral and this symbolism stimulated the early barons of the manors to build up registered herds of these gentle animals. This is a true story.

The following description quoted from "The Life of King Alfred" by Walter Besant gives the reader a thorough explanation of the routine in a medieval castle. This era is covered by the period between the fifth and the sixteenth centuries. "The chief occupations of the people were naturally the provision of food, warmth, shelter, and clothing. They had vast numbers of swine roaming in the forests; they had cattle and sheep, poultry of all kinds; they fished in the sea and in the streams; they grew herbs; they made butter and cheese; they kept bees; they salted meat for the winter; they drank ale, mead, morat (from mulberries and honey), and wine made by themselves; they used in the better houses candles made of wax. They knew how to weave stuffs of linen and wool; they imported silk; they made leather from skins; they worked in metals; they could make gold and silver wire; they were bell founders; they were armourers; they made weapons of all kinds. Let us remember, when we think of the country life—there was but little town life— of the Saxon—that everything wanted for the daily consumption was made in the house—the weaving and making of cloths; the building and roofing and repairs; carpenters' work and blacksmiths' work; baking and brewing; dairy work; salting and

pickling; the cultivation of grain, fruit, herbs, and vegetables; hunting and snaring; wood cutting and charcoal burning; the making of weapons and tools; not to speak of luxuries—the fine silks and cloths, the foreign wines, spices, and oil from abroad—which could be purchased in exchange for skins and slaves, iron, lead and tin."

Some writers infer that William and Edward, the Pilgrims, spring from a less historical source. As to that, a baronacy is the lowest rank of English nobility and judged by American standards these barons were not nearly so influential as Daniel Webster. When in 1215, the two Hilton Barons, presented themselves with ten others to King John, about the matter of taxes, England was a very uncouth country, where highway robbery and murder went unpunished. The remoteness of time and art have lent enchantment to the middle ages of all the countries in Europe. The fact that this ancient line of Hiltons were powerful and trained feudal soldiers who fought spontaneously for their kings, does not make them too great or awe-inspiring to be the ancestors of dauntless and honorable American men.

Our unconquerable Ebenezer of Pownalborough, Colonels Winthrop and Dudley of New Hampshire, our forty-one fighting Hiltons of the Revolution, and in the Civil War, Captain George of Wisconsin, who died at Fredricksburg and others, are all examples of high valor. That the ancestors of these American soldiers were timid liege men in the meadows of the Wear is very doubtful. Such courage shining out as links of gold, persistantly and intermittently down the chain of years, does not indicate a humble origin. By further investigation, let the reader himself decide whether he is from the yeomen in the valley or the soldiers on the hill.

LANMAN'S SKETCH OF WEBSTER'S
BIRTHPLACE SALISBURY, N. HAMPSHIRE

Distinguished Hiltons:

WALTER HYLTON

Walter Hilton, a Carthusian Monk, wrote in 1440 a poem called "The Scale or Ladder of Perfection". It was not printed until 1494, after Caxton established his press at Westminster.

WILLIAM HILTON

William Hilton, 1786-1839, English painter, born at Lincoln on June 3, 1786, son of a portrait painter, studied at Royal Academy. He became A. R. A. in 1813 and R. A. in 1820, his diploma picture being "Ganyemede." His most famous work is "Christ Crowned with Thorns" 1823, which was purchased by the Chantrey Bequest. His portait of John Keats is in National Portrait Gallery. Hilton died in London on December 30, 1839.

—From the Britannica.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S DOCTOR

John Hilton, 1804-1878, British surgeon, was born at Castle Hedingham in Essex in 1804. He entered Guy's Hospital in 1824 and was connected with it all his life. In 1867 he was president of the Royal College of Surgeons. His works have become classics. He was Surgeon, Extraordinary, to Queen Victoria. He was the greatest anatomist of his time. It was he who, with Joseph Towne, the artist, furnished Guy's Hospital with its models. In his grasp of the structure of the brain and spinal cord he was far inadvance of his contemporaries. He died at Clapham on September 14, 1878.

—From the Britannica.

DANIEL WEBSTER

Daniel Webster was born January 18, 1782, at Salisbury, Massachusets. He died October 24, 1852. His father was a pioneer and settler. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1801—graduated in law in 1805. He became a member of the House of Representatives in 1813 at thirty-one years of age. For forty years he was prominent in public affairs. He made

a dramatic speech at Plymouth on the two hundredth anniversary of the Landing in 1620. His political debates with Hayne are famous. He was Secretary of State under President Harrison and Tyler beginning in 1840. In 1845 he was elected to the Senate. Secretary of State again in President Fillmore's cabinet. He died at seventy years of age at Marshfield, Mass. He is a descendant of Edward Hilton, the Pilgrim.

ADMIRAL BANKS

Admiral Banks, Surgeon General of the United States Navy,—now deceased, is a most distinguished son of William the Pilgrim. He not only held this national honor, but wrote two large volumes, "The History of York." These books are full of interesting details about pioneer life in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

CLIFFORD HILTON

Clifford Lloyd Hilton, who retired as an associate justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court in 1943, was born in Kenyon in 1866. His parents were New Englanders and pioneers in the West. They moved with their children to Fergus Falls in 1879. The future justice graduated from high school, read law for a year in the office of Senator Moses Clapp and attended law school at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where he obtained his degree.

He practiced law in Fergus Falls and was county attorney of Ottertail County ten years. He married Frances Celeste Moll of Chicago, and their son is Bernard Moll Hilton, of Kenilworth, Illinois. Clifford Hilton was attorney general of the state from 1918 to 1928, when he was appointed as associate justice of the Supreme Court by Governor Christianson and was three times re-elected to that position. He lives in St. Paul. Judge Hilton has been state president of the Sons of the American Revolution, also president of the National Attorney Generals' Association. He is at present a trustee of Macalester College and an elder in the House of Hope Presbyterian Church, of which he has long been a member. Frances Moll Hilton is a charming and intelligent home-loving woman.

She has had no small part in her husband's success. They have been abroad several times, making leisurely journeys to points in England and Europe, interesting especially to themselves. They are familiar with the medieval background of this family and have been in the castle and cathedral. William Hilton, the Pilgrim, is Judge Hilton's ancestor.

JAMES HILTON

James Hilton, September 9, 1900—Born Leigh, Lancashire; father, schoolmaster. Young Hilton attended various schools in London, then Leys School Cambridge 1921—B.A. in History. Honors from Christs College Cambridge. First article appeared in 1917. Wrote for Dublin Irish Independent—Wrote *Good Bye, Mr. Chips,* 1933 for British Weekly—It was published by Atlantic Monthly the same year. *Lost Horizon* also appeared in 1933—*Random Harvest.* He now lives in Hollywood and belongs to us. Author of many books and articles. Very young man to have achieved such honor.

THE WEST VIEW OF HYLTON CASTLE IN THE BISHOPRICK OF DURHAM.

This Castle situate near the Mouth of the River Were was in the Reign of King Athelstan the Possession of Sr William Hylton Kt who had issue Adam Hylton: He gave to the Monastery of Hartlepool a Crucifix of Silver of twenty five Oz. Weight and caused his Arms to be graven on it: as likewise on the Gate. He gave to the Monastery a Cope & Vestment with Silver to make a Censor.

CHAPTER II

WHY THEY LEFT ENGLAND

FOUNDED first of all as a commercial enterprise for aristocratic Tories, Massachusetts Bay Colony became at once a firm sure haven for dissenters with the Church of England. The first Hiltons who came here about 1621, evidently belonged to the first group. James the First then occupied the throne of England. He was a relative of many very-greats in English history, one being his grandfather, James the Fifth of Scotland, immortalized as James Fitz James in Scott's *Lady of the Lake.* His beautiful mother was Mary Queen of Scotts, and he was the cousin of his predecessor, the intelligent Queen Elizabeth. James the First became an expedient but unlikable ruler. He at once strengthened the divine right of kings and refused the slightest toleration for Puritanism, so these moral and healthy people authoritatively set out for the new land across the sea.

The next King of England, was Charles the First who ruled from 1625 to 1649. During this period the English middle and working classes were smarting under the whip of unjust tax laws and the Scotch Presbyterians were indignantly saddled with the highness and formality of the Episcopal Church. Consequently a demoralizing period of friction and unrest pervaded all the British Isles, the result being that every ship which could be chartered, was heavily laden with immigrants for strange shores and new freedoms. Parliament, finally roused, took up arms against the Royalists and first sent a friend of the king, Thomas Wentworth, the Earl of Strafford, to the block. Many of this family therefore sailed for America. Another family to come under the authority of Parliament were the Dudleys, many of whom lost their heads in the maze of intrigue in royal Britain. The Wentworths and Dudleys were solidly woven into the warp and woof of English nobility. In 1553 Lord Guilford Dudley had married Lady Jane Gray. She was placed on the throne of England for the briefest reign in all English history, nine days, at the

end of which, through conspiracy, this charming and innocent girl of seventeen, with her husband, was executed in the Tower of London. Almost a century later in New Hampshire, a direct descendant of these families, Ann Dudley, daughter of Mary Wentworth and Reverend Samuel Dudley, married Edward H. Hilton, the second.

After the death of Charles the First by execution, Oliver Cromwell during the years from 1645 to 1658 gave England an economical, orderly government. Even though he was a strict Puritan, he had a background of heraldry. However, the English who regarded the color, pagentry and music handed down by the Normans as a sign of good government, were not pleased by this austere era. Coming to America during this Cromwellian period, were more Royalists and Tories. Literary England was at peace. Milton wrote *Paradise Lost,* and John Bunyan, in prison twelve years for non-conformity, wrote *Pilgrim's Progress.*

Over in New England the French, who had made the very first settlements on the coast, named Maine after Mayne, a province in France. They tried through fur trading and religion to understand the Indians while the British, colonizing fast, made no attempt at diplomacy. Consequently danger of death and abduction by treacherous Indian adversaries became the constant experience of the early colonists. There were four colonial wars, the last being the most important and thus described by Carlyle, "A shot fired in the woods of America drenched the whole of Europe in blood." In the colonies this last war extended from 1756 to 1763, and at its conclusion by the Treaty of Paris, all of Canada was ceded to the English. Documents in Maine preserve the fact that William and Moses Hilton served as Lieutenant members of the Colonial Militia in this last Old French War. Mrs. Magoon, moreover, mentions this item, "Young Joseph Hilton, the son of William, and grandson of Ebeneezer, was with Wolfe and his four thousand five hundred men when they captured Quebec in 1759." At this time there were in the provinces washed by the north Atlantic one million two hundred thousand settlers, mostly from the British Isles, and one hundred thousand French people.

CHAPTER III

THE FIRST SETTLERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

LANCASHIRE COUNTY on the northwest coast of England is the place where the earliest records of our branch of the Hilton family are found. Liverpool, the capitol, in importance second only to London, is the chief ship building port of the British empire. As the Hiltons of old were born in this beautiful heathery country by the sea, to this day, they prefer the everlasting change and tang of the ocean. They moved from the purple hills of Lancaster to Northwich in Cheshire also on the west coast. The brothers, Charles, Anthony and William Hilton were manufacturers of salt, had a fishing fleet and packed fish in this city. The names of William Pawl and Edward, sons of William of England, are found in the registry of the Fishermen's Guild among such records as were saved during the London Fire of 1666. William Hilton and his wife, Ellen Mainwaring, whose family were well connected, lived and died in the old city of Northwich. They were the parents of our Pilgrim born in 1585. When he was twenty-eight years of age, he journeyed south to Greenwich, where he was employed two years. After this he returned to his home city to marry a girl whom he chose for her initiative and youthful strength so that she could endure hardship and not quail before the pioneering adventure ahead. (Two of their children, William the Elder, and Mary, were born before they left Northwich with baptisms recorded at the Church of Saints Helen and Luke. Wishing to be nearer ocean traffic he moved his family to St. Botolph's Parish at Billingsgate nearer London Bridge where he became familiar with the news coming from every country in the world. Hundreds of ships came up the river Thames every week. Vivid accounts of the new land across the sea had been given by Sir Walter Raleigh and Captain John Smith. So, in a greater degree than before, their imaginations were kindled by the sailing of the Mayflower and months of anxiety passed before her return trip

the next spring. As soon as the Mayflower docked in Southwest England preparations were begun with great vigor for a second boat, The Fortune, to sail from London with more settlers. William Hilton, then thirty-six years old, with his brother, Edward, twenty-five, were on this ship. However, William had left his family at Northwich. Finally they reached Plymouth Bay November eleventh, sixteen twenty-one and the greatest rejoicing the world has ever known took place at the arrival when these tired friends and countrymen from home set foot on cold gray Plymouth Rock in time for the second Thanksgiving. They brought seeds, also sheep, cattle and horses and such farm implements and tools as were manufactured then. No regular blacksmith came to New England till John Jenkins settled there in 1640. They used oiled paper for windows, bricks made of clay and straw for chimneys and shakes, hand hewn and fastened on with wooden pegs for roofs. The youngest child was placed on a three legged stool to watch the hour glass. Their floors were clean white beach sand. The new settlers, instructed by those who came the year before, felled more trees and numerous tight two room cabins marked the landscape on orderly Leyden Street before the winter was over. Moreover since the Mayflower had made two successful crossings, the confident mariners of the Fortune, remaining at Plymouth only long enough to overhaul their ship, pulled up anchor just a month after their arrival and sailed on their return trip to England. William Hilton wrote a letter, included in this book, to a cousin at Northwich and sent it back on this vessel. After one and one half years of planning, exploring, clearing and building had passed, the Pilgrim sent for his wife and children. William the Elder was six, Mary four and baby John, born after his father left, was now eighteen months old, when they came on the ship Ann. Among the passengers who had sailed before, on the Fortune, had been a young English minister, Reverend Lyford. He, however, had never had any affiliation with the Leyden Congregation. When little Magdalen Hilton was born in Plymouth, these parents decided to have their trusted friend baptize this tiny new Pilgrim. The Puritans concerned about their cherished new freedoms, had several meetings and de-

cided that no outsider should set a precedent for another church. This might be considered narrow, but they had been persecuted and driven themselves and this was only self-preservation. However, characteristically Hilton, he turned his misfortune into business advantage and in the summer of 1624 he, his brother, Edward, and Reverend Lyford, explored along the sunny shores of Massachusetts to a pine covered point ninety miles north of Plymouth Bay Colony. Here these three men founded Dover and became the first settlers of New Hampshire. As soon as they were settled the Hiltons organized a fishing fleet and named it the New England Fishing Company. When they moved to the green fields of Dover in 1624, William, then thirty-nine years of age, had four children. By 1630 there were in Massachusetts Bay Colony a thousand people and more in New Hampshire. Three more children were born in this new province to this couple. These were fifth, Mainwaring I, born in 1627. Our William, the younger, was not born until 1642, and the records in court and deeds bear out the fact that he is the second son of William, the Pilgrim, to be called William. However, there is a dispute between historians as to whether this William, the younger, born in 1642, fifteen years after Mainwaring I, belongs to the first mother or the second. Dates of the new settlement bear out the fact, however, that William, the younger, socalled because older brother was a Captain for his Majesty on the high seas, and who knows what might happen to a man always on the sea, did belong to the first mother. He was born in Dover and is called in court records, William of Dover, and the Pilgrim did not remarry until he moved to Exeter or York. Admiral Banks, who is very thorough, testifies to this fact. The seventh child, Ann, was born in 1644. Sometime between 1644 and 1648, he lost his wife, the girl from Northwich.

Leaving Dover, he moved to Kittery Point in 1648, where for two years he ran a ferry business across the Piscataqua River. This settler of New Hampshire and pioneer of Maine was intelligent and trusted. His opinion upon all matters of important provincial government carried weight. He held court at home, also was elected deputy to the General Court, the

first legislative body in New England, held in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

After he moved to York, he was one of five commissioners in charge of city affairs and land allottment. At this time father William was sixty-five years of age. Captain William was thirty-three and our little William was eight, perhaps even then called Ensign Hilton, probably the pride of his father and older brother and given much privilege and responsibility on the ships in the harbor What joy in fishing and hunting wild game! Some hardships were theirs, but such adventure! The challenge of a new country with fresh experiences every day. Those lads had a great boyhood. What trials of strength, what delight in exploring the still grandeur of the Maine woods. What satisfaction in seeing the sails fill and slap the wind, then take the ship slowly out to sea.

The Pilgrim built a substantial log house, number four in the illustration drawn and preserved in records found in Bank's History of York. He was a member of York Council in 1652, 1653 and 1654. This Council had the responsibility of settling twenty-four thousand acres of land. The allotments were small, usually four or five acres, like the holdings in England. William's name is listed as a grand juror in 1654. His correspondence with Governor Winthrop is all on record and indicates mutual confidence and respect. His name first, or among the first few, is preceded by Mister, the sign of position in the province. In 1655 he was made a member of a committee of three to examine a book of laws prepared by Bellingham, before the author was permitted to have it published. Hassam and Fitts, each record the fact that the first deed to land in Maine was given by Tahanto, an Indian Chief, to our Pilgrim. In passing on this document, the Boston Court cut down the acreage to three hundred, then verified its legality after the death of this grand pioneer at seventy-one years of age in 1656.

Mainwaring II was the son of Ensign William, the younger, and Ann Beal, and the grandson of the Pilgrim. William of Broad Cove was born at York in 1678 and his wife, Margaret Gould Stillson, in 1679. They were married at Marblehead, Mass., in 1699. Margaret was of the same family of Goulds

as Jane Bailey Gould Hilton. John Gould was Margaret's grandfather. These Hiltons reared a very large family there and were left in peace during the French Wars, due to the fact that the mother was a Quakeress. Margaret lived to be eighty-four years of age, dying in 1763 at Manchester, Massachusetts.

York, Maine, bore three other names beginning in Pilgrim times with Bristol, in 1641 it was Agamenticus, in 1642 it was called Gorgeana, then in 1652 our Pilgrim helped to select the permanent name of York after one of the oldest cities in England.

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EDWARD HILTON.

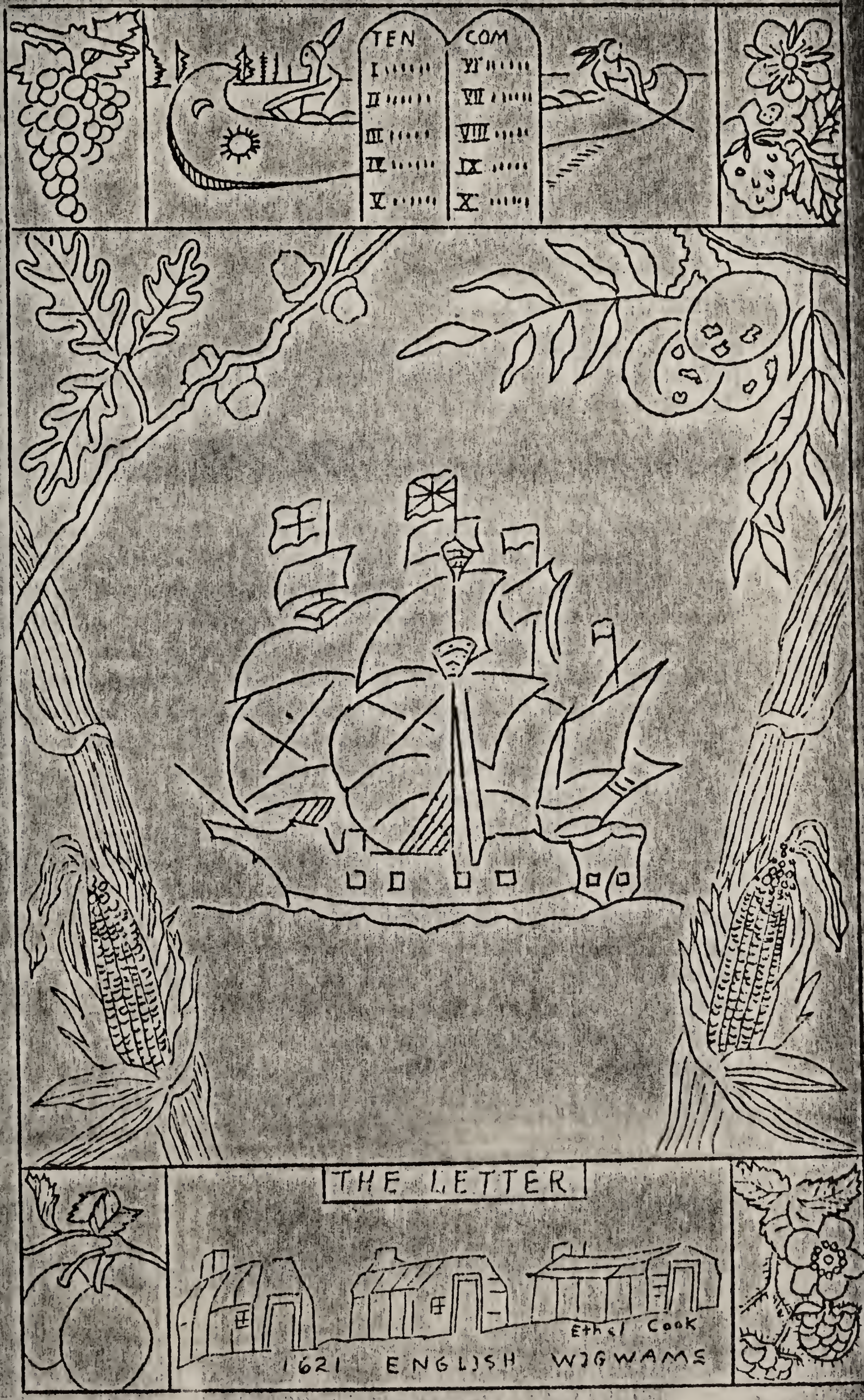
Manuscript by Mrs. Mable D. Magoon D. A. R. 57090
Solon, Maine

Edward Hilton came to Doverneck, N. H., with his brother, William, in 1624, and they were the first settlers of the Province. He remained many years at Dover, but did not continue there. The settlement at Exeter was commenced in 1638. The Hiltons were early visitors. They were the leading men of the Province and were well received. Edward became a proprietor of land in that part of the town which is now South New Market, and erected a house in the field between the road and the river, a little west of the graves, which have been made there since. It was built in 1638 or 1639. Mr. Hilton lived there till 1671 and was a man in authority. He was Judge of the Court of the Common Pleas and was employed by the town to assist Mr. Dudley in the general court. His sons were prominent men in the Province.

Edward Junior or Ed. II, his eldest son, married Ann, daughter of Rev. Samuel Dudley of Exeter; her mother was Mary Wentworth. He resided on the homestead farm in Newfields till his death, April 28, 1699. This Edward II, was an amiable and hospitable man, but not ambitious of public honors. He kept up the reputation of his place as a home for those who needed homes and furnished work for those who needed support, which from age, infirmity, or misfortune, they were unable to earn. His sons, Withrop and Dudley, were

both killed by the Indians. Joseph, the third son, married first a daughter of Richard Jose, Esq., of Portsmouth, N. H., and second widow, Rebecca Adams.

Mainwaring II, the son of William, the younger, was the parent of our Ebeneezer of Pownalbourough. This Ebeneezer was the first of many Hiltons by that name. He married Mary Lord, a descendant of Rev. Joseph Lord, a graduate of Harvard. Their children were Joshua, Moses, William, John, James, Joseph, Ebenezer II, Benjamin, Daniel, and Theophilus, who was born after his father was killed by the Indians. Mary, the daughter who witnessed the battle, married James Savage, by whom she had seventeen children. She attained the age of one hundred two years. Another daughter married John Bryant and died without issue. A third daughter married John Boyington, who was also killed by Indians at the same time her father, Ebenezer I, was murdered.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CHAPTER IV

WILLIAM HILTON'S LETTER AND DEED.

Plimmoth Bay, N. E.

December 11, 1621.

Louing cousin, at our ariuall at New Plimmoth in New England, we found all our friends and planters in good health, though they were left siche and weake with very small meanes, the Indians round about us peaceable and friendly the country very pleasant and temperate, yelding naturally, of itself, great store of fruites, as vines of divers sorts in great abundance; there is likewise walnuts, chesnuts, small nuts and plums with much varietie of flowers, roots and herbs no lesse pleasant then wholesome and profitable; no place hath more goose-berries and straw-berries nor better, timber of all sorts you have in England doth cover the Land, that affords beasts of divers sorts and great flocks of Turkies, quailes, Pigeons and Patriges: many great lakes abounding with fish, fowle, bevers and Otters. The sea affoords us as great plenty of all excellant sorts of sea-fish, as the rivers and lakes doth varietie of wild fowle of most useful sorts. Vines we find to our thinking, but neither the goodness nor qualitie we know. Better grain cannot be then Indian corn, if we will plant it upon as good ground as a man need desire. We are all free-holders, the rent day doth not trouble us and all these good blessings we have, of which and what we list in their seasons for taking. Our companie are for the most part, very religious honest people; the word of God sincerely taught us every Sabbath: so that I know not any thing a contented mind can here want. I desire your friendly care to send my wife and children to me, where I wish all the friends I have in England, and so I rest,

Your louing kinsman,

WILLIAM HILTON.

This letter was published by Captain John Smith in his "Trials of New England" in London 1622.

THE FIRST DEED IN THE STATE OF MAINE

1636

To the Honored Generall Court now assembled at Boston

The petition of William Hilton
Humbly sheweth

Whereas your petitioners father William Hilton came over into New England about the yeare Anno: Dom: 1621: & yor petitioner came about one yeare & an halfe after, and In a little tyme following settled our selves upon the River of Pischataq, We haveing much Intercourse with ye Indians by way of Trayd & mutuall giving & receiving amongst whom one Tahanto Sagamore of Penecoke, for diverse kindness receaud from your petitioners father & him selfe, did freely give unto the aforesd William Hilton Senior & William Hilton Junior six miles of Land lying on ye River Pennewnaquigg, being a riverl ett running into the river Pennacooke to ye East-ward, and sd Land to be bounded soe as may be most for ye best accommodation of your sd petitioner his heyres & assignes. The sd Tahanto did alsoe freely give to the sd father & son & to the heyres for ever Two Miles of the best Meddow Land lying on the sd river with all ye apprtenances, which sd Tract of Land & Meddows were given in the P'sence of Dabby Fejld & Severall Indians In the years 1636: at wch tyme Tahanto went with the aforesd Hiltons to the Lands & yr of gave them possession, all wch commonly is known to the Antient Inhabitants of Pichataq & for the further Confirmation of the sd Gyft or grant, your petitioner hath a renewed Deede from the sd Tahanto, & since yor petitioner understands that yr bee many grants of Lands lately given yr about to bee layd out and least any should bee mistaken in chuesing yr place & yr by Intrench upon yr petitioners rights; for preventing yr of

Your petitioner humbly Craveth that his Grant may be confirmed by this Court & that A; B; C, or any two of them, may bee fully Impoured to sett forth the bounds of all the above mentioned Lands & make true returne yr of unto this

Honord Court. And your petitioner hee is in duty bond, shall pray for yr (their) future Well Fayre & prosperity.

Boston June 1, 1660. The committee haveing considered the contents of this pet., do not Judge that the Court grant the same but having considered the petitioners grounds for the app'lacton of the Indians grant, do Judge meet that 300 accrs of the said Land be set over to ye pet'r by a comittee chosen by this Court so as ye it may not prjuchie any plantacion and this as a finall end and issue of all further claimes by vertue of such grant from ye Indians.

THOMAS DANFORTH
ELEA LUSHER
HENRY BARTHOLMEW

The magists' Approve of this Retourn if their brethren yr Deputies Consent hereto.

EDW. RAWSON, Secrety
WILLIAM TORREY, Cleric.

Consented to by the Deputies.

(Endorsed) The Petition of William Hilton entrd wth magists 31 May 1660 & xs pd ent.

Tahanto's Deed Id. out P Mr. Danf.

William Hiltons Petitio Entred & referred to ye Comittee. From

"The Dover Settlement & the Hiltons' by
John T. Hassam, Boston, Press of

DAVID CLAPP & SON 1882

Old Bridge between North and South Berwick between England & Scotland. This region is mentioned in the writings of Sir Walter Scott Wordsworth and Hawthorne. It is north of Boston.

CHAPTER V

MARY HILTON'S STORY (MAGOON)

(The Hiltons at Pownalborough now Wiscasset)

The circumstances under which the Hiltons came or were induced to come to Toppan's Rights probably meaning Toppan's Land Grant from the King of England, are so well told in the deposition of Mrs. Mary Savage, daughter of Ebenezer I. Hilton and wife of James Savage, that you will be interested in it. She testified in 1787.

I, Mary Savage, testifie and say that about forty years ago (1737), I came from Berwick with my father, Mr. Ebenezer Hilton, and the rest of the family, in a vessel which was sent by Mr. Toppan of Newberry, as I was told, and landed at a place called Toppan's Rights, now in Pownalborough. My father and Mr. James Grant improved a double saw mill, belonging to said Toppan, which (even then in 1737) appeared to have been built some years earlier, which stood in the same place where (now 1787) stands the mill belonging to the Hiltons and others. My father told us that Mr. Toppan, to encourage him, promised to give his sons fifty acres of land apiece (five of them) and one hundred acres for himself. My brothers William and Moses now live on the hundred acres that belonged to my father. My father and Mr. James Grant improved the mill under Mr. Toppan till the Indians made war. My father, Mr. Grant, and others built a garrison and lived in said garrison till the Indians killed my father. I too lived in the garrison and saw the Indians when they run out of my father's barn and took off my brother William and soon after I saw them killing my father; they shot and wounded him. I saw them strike at him with their hatchets. I saw him fall and saw no more until he was brought in dead, scalped, his feet cut off, and mortified. My eldest brother, Joshua, was shot at the same time and mortally wounded as he was running to the garrison and died two days after.

My brother-in-law John Boynton was killed at the same time.

My brothers William and Moses have lived in the same place ever since except a small time when they were forced to leave the place by reason of the war. I was about sixteen years old when I came (up) with my father from Berwick, and ever since I have heard the said trackt of land called Toppan's Rights. The above bloody transaction was committed on the lot Mr. Toppan gave to my father.

MRS. W. C. ROBINSON'S LETTER

Ex. Vice Pres. of National D. A. R.

North Anson, Maine
August 14, 1944

Dear Mrs. Cook:

Thank you for your letter received last week. We had a heat wave that slowed me down for a few days, but I am working this week on a Stevens family from New Hampshire, who neglected to leave dates of birth and death that the descendant needs. Such is life. I spent an afternoon and evening with the Magoons two weeks ago. She is a wonderful woman and I am proud of the fact that we had a common ancestor, Captain John Gray. I doubt if this letter contains any information that she hasn't already sent you: but I don't want you to miss anything. I worked three years helping Ernest J. Walker of Washington, D. C. on his book "Embden Town of Yore". Have you seen it? I think you could find it at the St. Paul Public Library. One of my clients, Miss Wilson of Chicago, had seen it somewhere. I found her a copy that she wanted to buy. Many of the records were mine, and I was very glad to help Mr. Walker with them. He was a newspaper man. In it you will find quite a bit of Hilton information, also facts about the related families.

I had a very happy day at Montsweag some years ago. My husband, daughter Kate, and myself were luncheon guests with Gov. Gardner and wife, Senator Wellser White and wife, and Judge Peters: of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Butler, whose summer home it was. Mrs. Butler, knowing I was of Hilton

descent, took me over the house. They had furnished it with antiques and I think it looked much as it did when Ebenezer and Mary Lord Hilton lived there; simple things but homelike. Here is a bit you might not have. Mary Lord, wife of Ebenezer Hilton, was born July 29, 1691.

Some years ago the Maine Historical Society of Portland handed me a letter and asked me to reply to it. It was from Capt. C. F. Hilton, 25 Earlsfield Road, Wythe Kent, England. I read several old books but at last I found what he wanted. The first written deed ever given to Maine land was given by an Indian Chief to William Hilton. The Court at Boston afterward ruled on it and Capt. Hilton wanted a copy of the ruling. I sent him what he wanted and received several letters from him and I enclose one of them for you.

I had a picture each of Hannah Gray, wife of Jesse Hilton, and of Betsy Gray, wife of David Hilton. They were sisters to my grandfather, Thomas Gray. Their father, Rev. Geo. Gray, was a brother to Racheal Gray who married Lieutenant John Hilton, grandson of Ebenezer. Racheal was the daughter of Capt. John Gray born in England. In census of 1804 Capt. Gray was given as Seignior: tradition says he was a grandson of Earl of Gray. He had an income from England as long as he lived. I hope I have not wearied you.

The home of Ebenezer and Mary built on land taken over two hundred years ago at Wiscasset recently burned.

Sincerely,

EVIE GRAY ROBINSON.

CHAPTER VI

CHRONICLES ABOUT THIS FAMILY

The names of the countries are York, Cumberland, Lincoln and Somerset while the towns are Berwick, Pownalborough (now Wiscasset) Solon and North Anson, and Bristol (now York) Maine, and in New Hampshire, New-Market, Newfields and Dover. Some specific references interesting to Hilton descendants follow.

England: Jane Dudley, seventh generation, daughter of John Lord Dudley, married Thomas Mainwaring of Ightfield, County Chester, Vol. II, *History of the Dudley Family,* page 637. Note: "Mainwaring Hilton was the father of Ebenezer who became the husband of Mary Lord." Mrs. Robinson: North Anson.

1621

William Hilton came to Plymouth, America on the Fortune in November 1621. His wife and children came on the Ann in 1623, and land was assigned to the Hilton family that year. He wrote soon after his arrival, a letter of great historical and personal interest, published by Captain John Smith in his *"New England Trials"* edition 1622. He removed to New Hampshire and lived near his brother at Dover, then at Kittery, then to York, Maine. He died June 30, 1656.

Cutter. *Boston and Eastern Massachusetts* Page 1814.

1622-1623

Sir Fernando Gorges organized a fishing Company at Plymouth Bay. The subscriptions were one hundred pounds each. They had twenty paid up members, twelve attended board meetings occasionally but only Sir Gorges and Dr. Barnabee Gooch (Grouch) regularly attended.

Osgood in *American Colonies* Vol. I Pg. 120.

Note: See Genealogy of Jane Bailey Gould.

1624

It must be remembered that the Hiltons and others who played a more or less conspicuous part in New England history were all Church of England men. Rev. Lyford braved the wrath of Governor Bradford and baptized at least one child. For this he was maligned and driven from the colony.

Andrews in *Colonial Period in American History.* Vol. I Pages 276-277.

Note:—Miles Standish was in authority to drive the Church of England from the colony and the baby was Magdalene Hilton Born 1624.

From Reference Room St. Paul Public Library.

1627-1628-1629

It was during the years sixteen twenty seven, eight and nine that William Hilton and his brother Edward, members of the ancient and honorable Guild of Fishmongers of London, with the aid of a number of Bristol merchants, put up a few cabins at the point, which took his name Hilton's Point, now known as Dover Neck. Between the Piscataqua and Black Rivers is a high promontory two miles long and half a mile wide, with a beautiful view of the mountains and the sea. This site for a plantation was well selected for it also had a fine large spring of water. These settlers ferried their herds and flocks across to graze in the green meadows on the other side. Piscataqua House was built and maintained by William Hilton as a temporary home for settlers on their way. It was afterward known as Mason Hall. One neighborhood near was named "Strawberry Bank."

Hobart Pillsbury in *History of New Hampshire* Vol. I.

1628

Dover had been founded before 1628 by the brothers Hilton, Puritan fish dealers in London.

Thwaites—*The Colonies from* 1492-1750, Page 152.

1630

Anthony Hilton, son of one of the three salt manufacturers and fish packers of Norwich and London was the first settler of the Island of Nevis in the West Indies. (Birthplace of Alexander Hamilton.)

Andrews in *Colonial Period in American History.* Vol. I. See index.

Note: Settlers from Barbados and New England, having passage or rum and slave ships, tried to establish a colony in South Carolina but either were killed by the Indians or deserted. Later permanent colonists found wild cattle and hogs left by these people.

1641-42

Forces; *"Historical Tracts,"* page 16-17.
Laws in the Yeares 1641-42 in Massachusetts.
Crimes punishable by death:
1. Worshiping any other God. 2. Witchcraft.
3. Blasphemy. 4. Murder. 5. Poisoning.
6. Impurity. 7. False Witnessing.
8. Insurrection.

1642

In the year 1642 Edward Hilton was appointed by Massachusetts Bay Government as a local Associate of Justice Court, sitting with the Magistrates on the highest questions. The General Court held him exempt from taxation in 1669. He filled many other important positions and was highly honored in the colonies. He has been called the *"Father of New Hampshire."*

Cutter in *Boston and Eastern Massachusetts,* Page 1814.

1652

William Hilton signed an agreement with the Royal Governor of the Province about loyalty to England and freedom of religion Nov. 22. This was called "The Submission" compelling Maine to come under the control of Gov. Bradstreet of Mass.

From *History of York County, Maine,* page 218, second column.

1653

John Gouch settled Cape Neddick.

1663

Aug. 10. An Account of the exploration of Florida by Capt. William Hilton of England, Portsmouth and York, commander of the ship "Adventure" with Capt. Anthony Long and Peter Fabian sent forth by merchants from the island of Barbados. Many statutes about acreage given to planters in proportion to slaves. The Spanish and English both were trying to hold Florida. This passage of ships brought about some intermarriage of Spanish and English (Jose and Tozier). *Force's "Historical Tracts".*

A dispute among historians about the parenthood of Captain William Hilton may presumably be settled by the following facts. William the Pilgrim was eleven years older than Edward and when he moved from Exeter to Kittery in 1648 his son William the Elder was thirty-one years of age. At the time of the exploration of Florida in 1663, Captain William was forty-five, a seamen of life long experience. Our line all the way down from the Pilgrim through Aaron II were interested in nautical affairs, all mariners or settlers living right on the coast, while Edward's line were concerned with civil and provincial matters. Also in his fine descriptions and the detailed observations of climate, coast line and plant life, there is a marked similarity to the literary style of the letter written by our Pilgrim. The English Government has this manuscript on Florida in a museum. From the study of all the references on histories there seems to be no doubt that Captain William was the oldest child of our Pilgrim; the one baptized in 1617 at the Church of Saints Helen and Luke at Northwich, England.

E. H. C.

1669

Richard Hilton married Elizabeth Lord, daughter of Rev.

Joseph Lord at Chatham, Mass., June 22. His family were alumni of Harvard. *From Saco Valley Settlement.*

1682

Maine sent a petition to London signed by fifty colonists, our William Hilton the younger among them, complaining against Massachusetts.

Bank's History of York, Me., Vol. I, pg. 258.

1695

Magdalen Hilton Adams, wife of Nathaniel Adams, daughter of Mainwaring I and Mary Moulton Hilton, was stolen by the Indians but redeemed later. Her husband was killed at that massacre.

Bank's History of York Co., Vol. I, pg. 312.

1704-1705-1706

Colonel Winthrop Hilton was appointed by Governor Wentworth as commander of all forces for New Hampshire and Massachusetts to protect the colonists from the Indians. He led many raids and his men persuaded a squaw to give them information about a camp of murdering and tomahawking Indians. She said she would reveal their hiding place if Col. Winthrop Hilton would protect her. They found them all asleep and killed everyone. This Indian woman lived in his family all her life. On a beautiful June day in 1711, however, Col. Winthrop and his brother, Dudley, while obtaining masts for ships at Portsmouth, fourteen miles from the settlement, were ambushed and killed at the first round.

1707

Elizabeth Hilton Littlefield, returning from church Sunday evening with her young son was killed by Indians and Joshua was taken prisoner. 3rd Indian War.

Bank's History of York Co., Vol. II, Pg. 404.

1711

William Hilton, the Ensign, the ancestor of the St. Clair

and St. Paul lines, the second William of our Pilgrim born 1642 recovered Captain Abraham Preble's fishing sloop stolen out of York Harbor by Indians.

When discovered it was already out to sea.

History of York, Vol. I, Pg. 318.

Cape Neddick was the object of Indian wrath. On May 26, 1711, "a body of twenty Indians were discovered there, creeping up to surprise some women a-milking."

1741

Longfellow in his "Tales Of A Wayside Inn" describes the wedding of Governor Benning Wentworth and Martha Hilton. Up to the time of the Revolution the Wentworth's were the most prominent people in New Hampshire. John had been lieutenant Governor for years. Benning Wentworth was appointed Governor in 1741, and held this position for twenty-five years. He was a graduate of Harvard University and very wealthy. His first wife died while he was in office, then this wedding followed. After his death another Wentworth took over until the colonies were free.

Hobart Pillsbury, Vol. I—See Index.

Valley Settlement and Families, page 890.

1750

William Hilton III, born 1678, at York, son of William, the younger, and Ann Beal, became the husband of Margaret Gould Stillson in 1699. She was born 1679, died 1763. He with others signed a petition to the Crown to form the town of Pownalborough. His family living at Broad Cove were the only ones who were at peace with the Indians. They had killed Mr. Stillson, Margaret's father, when he was an elderly man, working in his field. He left a very large family. William III was the brother of Mainwaring II, the father of Ebenezer.

1757

Moses I and William Hilton, sons of Ebenezer, were listed as

members of the Colonial Militia at Pownalborough under General Johnathan Williamson in 1757, Fourth French War. Page 109, Vol. III *Maine Historical Magazine.*

1758

James Hilton, Broad Cove, was appointed Guardian to Mary Matchliffe. *Lincoln County Probate Records,* Page 12.

1766

Hepzelah Boyington, wife of William Hilton of Solon, is mentioned in her father's will Apr. 5, Pownalborough. *Lincoln County Probate Records,* page 69.

1772

Moses Hilton, June 17, inventoried the property of Joseph Young of Pownalborough. *Lincoln County Probate Records.*

1776

Moses Hilton inventoried property of Alexander Gray of Woolwich, Oct. 10, 1776. *Lincoln County Probate Records,* Page 77.

1777

Ebenezer Hilton II and Abagail Arnold married Oct. 11. *Maine Historical Magazine,* Vol. IV, Page 31.

Elemuel Williams (or Gilligan), the husband of Anna Hilton, was at Valley Forge. A sergeant in '76, lieutenant '77, major in '78, first town clerk at North Anson, Me., in 1778. Anna was daughter of Lieutenant Moses. *Compendium of American Genealogy.*

1780

Morrill Hilton and Anna Williams of Woolwich married Jan. 25. *Maine Historical Magazine,* Vol. IV, page 31.

Note: Morrill, son of Lieutenant Moses Hilton. Second wife Lydia Gould Grant, widow of Capt. Grant and aunt of Grandma Jane Bailey Gould Hilton.

1787

Record of marriages by Thomas More, Minister of the Gospel. *Maine Historical Magazine,* Vol. IX, Page 43.

Feb. 20 Samuel Hilton and Nancy Hopkins of Balltown married.
June 19 Joseph Hilton and Sarah McKenney married.
Oct. 23 Moses Carlton, Jr. and Abagail Waters.

1788

Jan. 4 Joseph Hilton made administrator in the will of David Averill. *Lincoln County Probate Records,* page 163.

1789

June 14 Lydia Hilton of Edgecomb married James Jewett.
Sept. 25 Capt. James Hilton of Bristol, Lincoln Co., sole executor in will of Jean Cleaveland. *Lincoln County Probate Record,* Pg. 190.

1795

John Smith and Sally Carlton married. Pownalborough town records. Note: Our Aaron Hilton's sister, Sarah, married Joseph Carlton.

1798

Moses Hilton inventoried the property of Israel Smith at Woolwich June 26. *Lincoln County Probate Records,* page 311.

1798

Lincoln County Probate Records. Jan. 5, 1798. Vol. XIII, page 424.

JAMES HILTON'S WILL.

William and Philip Call both of Dresden Sureties:

In the name of God, Amen: The Twenty fourth day of March, 1795, I James Hilton of Bristol in the County of Lincoln, Yoeman, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God; Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die to make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the direction of my executor, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God—and as touching such worldly estate where it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

Itom 1. First I give and bequeath to my son William Hilton the sum of four dollars,
Itom 2. To (Mary Matchliffe adopted) Twenty dollars,
Itom 3. To Jane Hilton one dollar,
Itom 4. To James Hilton Jr. fifty dollars,
Itom 5. To John one dollar,
Itom 6. To Margaret twenty dollars,
Itom 7. To Sarah four dollars,
Itom 8. To Susan twenty dollars,
Itom 9. To Elizabeth twenty dollars,
Itom 10. To Nancy twenty dollars,
Itom 11. and Liddia twenty dollars,
Itom 12. and, to my sons Joshua and Joseph to be executors; all personal estate, all cattle, sheep, horses, and swine, all farm utencels of every kind and nature,

I here by ratify this to be my last will and testament.

JAMES HILTON, Seal.

1799

Katherine McKenney Hilton and Sarah McKenney Hilton both heirs in will of David McKenney at Pownalborough Jan. 4. *Lincodn County Probate Records,* Page 326.

Moses Hilton inventoried the property of John McKenney at Pownalborough May 30, Vol. . ., *Lincoln County Probate Records,* page 341.

1800

Moses Hilton Jr. and Salley Tibbets married May 4. *Maine Historical Magazine,* Vol. VII, pg. 220.

1852

LETTER FROM JOHN HILTON

(Mrs. Magoon's manuscript)

August 20, 1852
Cincinnati, Oo.

William Hilton, son of Ebenezer and Mary Lord Hilton, married Hepzibah Baynton and settled on the possession of his father at Pownalborough (now Wiscasset). He (William) had five sons and one daughter viz.—Ebenezer, John, William, Joseph, Samuel, and Ann. John and Joseph, brothers of William, were soldiers in the old French War and were with Wolfe when Quebec was taken from the French. They were very athletic, stout men, Joseph especially; had he lived in the days of King Saul, he might have accepted the challenge of Goliath. All the sons had large families except John who had no issue. Four of the sons of William took part in the Revolutionary War. Ebenezer was in the service at Winter Hill, William was in three years' service, John the father of the writer tried the public service on the seas, was unfortunate, taken prisoner by the British where his fate was similar to all others, so unfortunate as to be their prisoners. Samuel served a term at Bagaduce, now Castine, in February 1778, John with two others, (Morrill Hilton) son of Moses Hilton and Samuel Williams, explored the Kennebec as far as North Anson where he selected a lot of land and settled, Ebenezer

(son of William) and grandson of Ebenezer the first of Pownalborough also settled on the lot adjoining and subsequently William and Joseph the other sons of William I. Samuel remained on the possession of his grandparents Ebenezer and Mary at Pownalborough.

John Hilton married Rachael Gray and nine children were born to them, viz.—John, Hepazebah, Betsy, Elisha, and Theophilus, Rachael, Silas, Elias, and William. John lived on his farm till his death which occurred Dec. 31, 1835, being 78 years of . ge. Rachael, his widow, lived till Mar. 6, 1850, when she died at the age of 87 years, 4 months, 21 days, having lived 67 years on the same farm.

John, the eldest (son of John and Raechel), came to Cincinnati in 1810 when he became an enthusiastic advocate for the establishment of public schools. He returned to Maine in 1815 but in 1816 he again came to Cincinnati with his brother Theophilus. Hepzibah with her husband removed to Ohio in 1817; she resides in Defiance where her family became rich. Silas has since removed to Defiance. Rachael also came to Ohio, was married but she died in 1823. Theophilus has since moved south and lives in Alexandria, Louisianna. Betsy lives in Starks, Maine, about 8 miles from the place of her birth. She has a large family and is now a widow. Elisha lives on the Canada Road, near the line. Elias and William on the old farm where they were born.

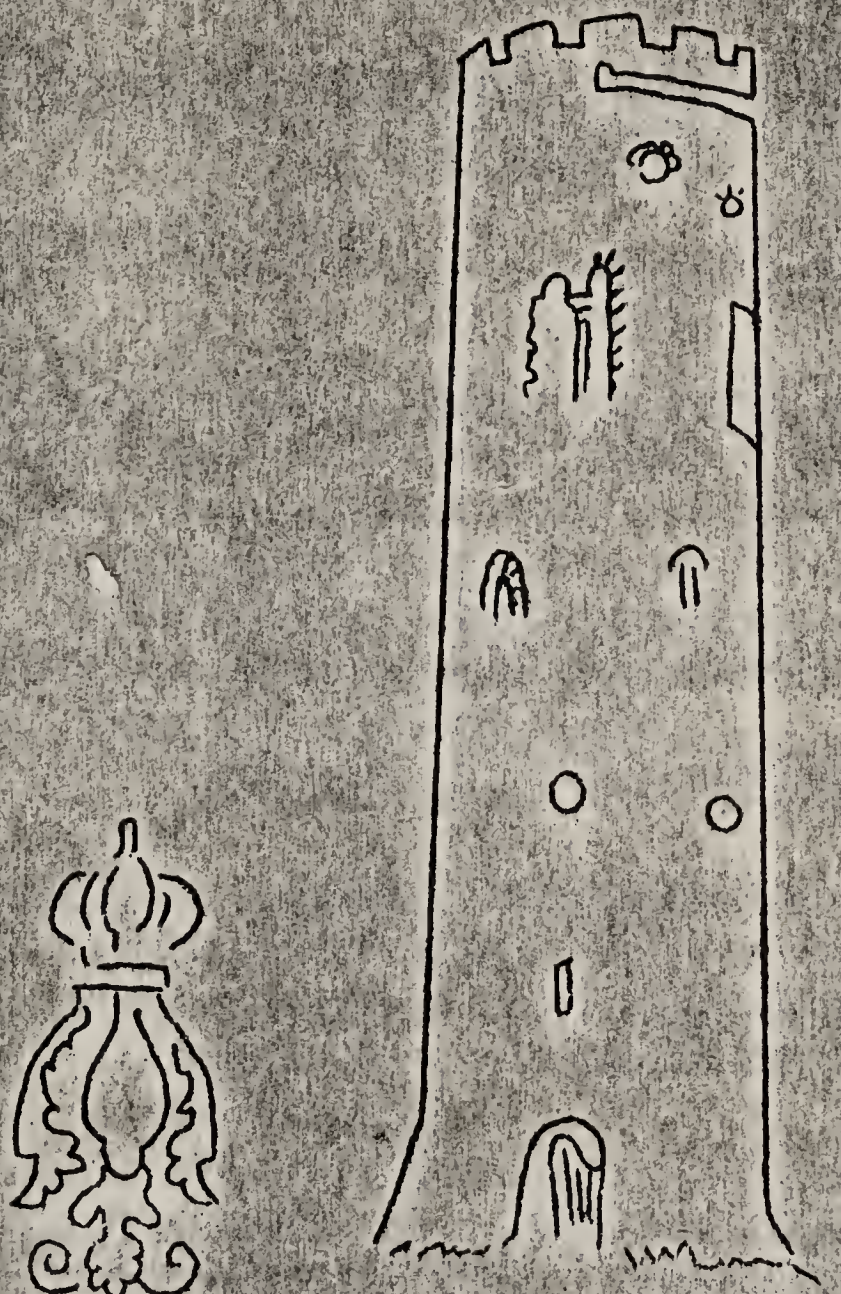
Signed:—

JOHN HILTON.

TRAGEDY

Note: These family names make up the list of casualties during the four French and Indian wars.

1. Winthrop, *m.* 2. Dudley, *m.* 3. Ebenezer, *m.* 4. Joshua, *m.* 5. John Boynton (son-in-law) *m.* 6. William, son of Ebenezer, prisoner at Quebec. 7. Margaret Stillson Hilton's father, *m.* 8. Nathaniel Adams, husband of Magdalen Hilton, *m.* 9. Magdalen, stolen and redeemed. 10. Elizabeth Hilton Littlefield, *m.*



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CHAPTER VII

THE HILTONS AND THE GOULDS IN THE REVOLUTION

Probably no colonial family was better represented in the Revolution than the Hiltons. Within a radius of less than fifty miles, there were in all forty one Hiltons serving in various capacities in the army and navy. Fourteen of them were from Lincoln and Cumberland counties alone. It is a noticeable fact that many of those from Lincoln County were officers. These are on specific record.

D. A. R. Lineage Books 63 and 94

Moses Hilton 1729-1820. Born in Lincoln County. Enlisted in 1776 as *Lieutenant* in Capt. Solomon Walker's Company. Lincoln County Regiment also in Capt. Elijah Grant's Company. Col. Joseph North's Regiment Massachusetts Militia. Died in Anson, Maine.

MASSACHUSETTS SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, Vol. VII, page 926, record of First Lieutenant Moses Hilton, Pownalborough.

Lineage Books 140-45-46

Morrill (Moral) 1755-1840, born at Pownalborough, died at Wiscasset. Married twice. Was a private in Capt. Josiah Stearnes Company, was at Battle of Trenton 1777. He served as Sergeant in 1777 and '79 under Capt. Benjamin Lemont. In 1818 he was placed on the pension roll of Lincoln County for Service at Massachusetts Line—also 13, 792. First marriage to Anna Williams; second to Lydia Gould Grant, widow of Capt. Grant, and aunt of Jane Bailey Gould.

Note: Morrill, son of Moses I.

(1775) Eliakim Hilton, soldier from York County under Capt. Moulton then under Sam Derby. Eliakim was at Valley Forge with Gen. Washington under Sam Derby in 1777-1778.

Vol. II, History of York, Maine, by Chas. Edward Banks. Asst. Surg. Gen. U. S. N. Pages 406-413.

Eliakim probably a descendant of Captain Hilton.

Lineage Book 136, Page 681.

James Hilton, 1739-1799. Capt. in Third Lincoln County Regiment. Born Manchester, died Lincoln County at Bristol.

Lineage Book 130, Page 271.

Abraham Hilton, 1760-1815. Private. Born in York County. -

Lineage Book 137, Page 162.

John Hilton, 1756-1835. Born Wiscasset, died at North Anson. *Second Lieutenant* 1776. (Ref. Mrs. Magoon, Solon.)

Lineage Book 129, Page 39.

Ebenezer II, 1753-1839. Born at Wiscasset, died at North Anson. Private.

Joseph Hilton, 1747-1826. Born on N. H. Line at New Market, died at Deerfield, N. H., married Sarah Thurston. *Lieutenant.* Wounded at Stillwater, later prisoner by British, 1779.

OUR QUAKER LINE FROM

Old Kittery and Her Families

By E. S. Stackpole

Data from Mrs. Robinson

Revolutionary War Record of Samuel Gould

"Samuel Gould was a member of a Home Defense Company at Woolwich, May 25, 1776, and after." Called "A Soldier of the Revolution" by E. S. Stackpole in *Old Kittery,* page 463.

Nathan Gould, historian, Portland, Maine.

CHAPTER VIII

THE HILTON GENEALOGY OF ALICE AND DELLA

From the will of William of England, brother of Anthony and Charles and Ellen Mainwaring, his wife.

1. Richard b. 1571, m. Catherine Underwood Dec. 2, 1594.
2. They had a son, Richard, who came to Dover in 1645 and went back to England.
2. Amy b. 1573, m. John Dickson or Jackson.
3. Daughter b. 1575, m. Wm. Robinson.
4. Arthur b. 1578, m. Jane Royle.
5. William b. 1585. Pilgrim to Mass. Bay 1621.
6. Edward b. June 9, 1596. Apprenticed in 1612 to widow of Uncle Charles Hilton the fisherman. Settled with William, Dover, N. H.

The Family of William Hilton, the Pilgrim, according to *Admiral Banks, Vol. II, History of York, Page 50.*

1. William the Elder (Captain Hilton) baptized June 22, 1617, at Northwich, England, married in 1640 to Sarah Greenleaf. 2. Married 1661—Mehitable Nowell. 10 children in all.
2. Mary baptized May 11, 1619, at Northwich, m. James Higgins.
3. John born in England, 1621, living in Dover in 1648.
4. Magdalen born in 1624 in Plymouth.
5. Mainwaring I born in 1627, mariner. Married Mary Moulton, had a daughter named Magdalen, wife of Nathaniel Adams.
6. William the younger (the mariner) born in 1642 at Dover. Named William the younger during the life of his older brother. Married Ann Beal. *York Deeds,* Vol. IV, page 125.
7. Anne (Agnes) born 1644, m. Arthur Beal.

Name	Birth and Dates of Death	Birthplace	Marriage Date	Spouse
William Hilton Salt Mfg., England	App. 1535- ?	Lancashire, Eng. Northwich, Eng.	1569	Ellen Mainwaring, died in London, 1606
William I (the Pilgrim)	1585-1656	Northwich, Eng. Dover, N. H. York, Maine	1616 1648	1. English Pilgrim (our ancestor) 2. Frances of Exeter
William the Younger The Mariner	1642-1699	Dover, N. H. York, Me.	1675	Ann Beal (History of Deed by Hassam) William's sister, M. Arthur Beal
Mainwaring II (G. G. Mother's name)	1683- ?	York, Maine	1702	Elisabeth Thompson (John Thompson 2, Berwick d. (granddaughter of (Niles Thompson
Ebenezer I, Killed by Indians (Farmer)	1703-1747	Berwick, Maine Pownalborough	1722	Mary Lord d. (Nathan Lord York (Martha Tozier
Moses I (Lawyer) Lieutenant in Rev.	1728-1820	Berwick, Maine Pownalborough	1755 1767 1778	1. Rachael ..... 2. Dorcas Greenleaf (widow) our ancestor 3. Ruth Gray Young (widow)
Aaron I (Mariner)	1768-1838	Pownalborough	1791	Lydia Webb (our ancestor) Betsy Blinn
Aaron II (Sea Captain) settler	1808-1875	Pownalborough	1830	Jane Bailey Gould d. (Nathaniel Gould Woolwich, Maine (Mary Carlisle ((Quakers)
Chas. Sumner (River Pilot) (Mllg. engineer)	1833-1905	Lincoln County Maine	1856	Huldah Dickson d. (Rev. Clark Dickinson & Oshkosh, Wis. (Sally Dickinson, b. (Middlebury, Vt.
1 Alice (housewife)	1857-1912	Weyauwega, Wis.	1877	Melvin B. Rasdall s. (Abial Rasdall, Ky. Madison, Wis. (Lydia Pitcher, (New York
2 Della (housewife)	1861-1932	Mankato, Minn.	1887	William J. Henry s. William Henry Jackson, Mich. Bridget Nolan Ireland

Note: William I (The Pilgrim) had two sons named William; the elder, later called Captain William, born in 1617 at Northwich, England; the younger one, called William the Younger, born in 1642 at Dover, N. H., also called William of Dover or The Mariner. *"Deeds" by Hassam.*

LIEUTENANT MOSES HILTON

Manuscript and Data by Evie H. Gray Robinson, Ex State Regent of Maine and Ex Vice President General of National Society of D. A. R. Registered Genealogist.

Moses B. Hilton was born in 1728 at Berwick, Maine. His parents were Ebenezer Hilton and Mary Lord, who was born July 19, 1691, to Nathan Lord and Martha Tozier of Berwick. Moses B. was a *First Lieutenant* in the *Revolutionary war,* commissioned July 1, 1776, in the First Lincoln County Regiment. He was a lawyer, lived at Wiscasset and died June 16, 1820, 92 years old. He was married three times; first to Rachael ————, second to Mrs. Dorcas Greenleaf of Pownalborough, third to Mrs. Ruth Gray Young. His children follow:

1. Morrill (Moral) born 1756, died Feb. 23, 1840. Married first Anna Williamson Mar. 2, 1780. Married again widow (of Captain Grant) Lydia Gould Grant. They were published July 4, 1783.
2. Anna born 1762, died 1850. Married Elimual Williams (or Gilligan) in 1777. They had 15 children; Moses Williams, William Williams, Elemual, Jr., John, Elihu, Simeon, Joseph, Morrill, Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Alvirah, Rachael, Lucinda, Melinda, and Anna.
3. Aaron I born 1768 to Lieutenant Moses B. Hilton I and his second wife Dorcas Greenleaf. He died 1838. He married first Lydia Webb on Aug. 18, 1791. Second marriage was to widow Betsy Blinn.
4. Moses B. II born 1779, died May 23, 1835. He married Sarah Tibbetts. Published May 4, 1800.

Note: Aaron Hilton II, father of Charles Sumner, was 12 years old when his grandfather, Lieutenant Moses B. Hilton of the Revolution died, so he had a clear memory of his stories of experiences with the Indians, also about his Great Grandfather, Ebenezer.

AARON HILTON I

Aaron Hilton I was born in 1768. He was the third child of Lieutenant Moses B. and his mother was Moses' second wife, Mrs. Dorcas Greenleaf. Aaron I married first on Aug. 18, 1791, Miss Lydia Webb. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Jane Webb. After forty-three years of home life Lydia died June 28, 1834. Six months after her death he married widow Betsy Blinn of Wiscasset. This one died in 1838. His children by Lydia Webb follow:

1. Parmelia born Apr. 3, 1792, married Samuel Brookings.
2. Alfred born Feb. 9, 1796, married Jane Bailey, had a daughter, Anna, who married Mr. Hager.
3. Arleth born Feb. 2, 1796, married Josiah Wright, had son Josiah Wright II.
4. Mainwaring born Aug. 29, 1798, unmarried.
5. Lydia born Sept. 29, 1800, married Samuel Gould.
6. Susan born May 19, 1802, married first Samuel Ellis, second Calvin Copeland.
7. Jane Hilton born Mar. 18, 1804, married Joseph C. Gould.
8. Mary Ann born June 1, 1806, married John Douty.
9. Aaron II born Apr. 7, 1808, married Jane Bailey Gould (Miss). She used the name Bailey to distinguish herself from other Janes. Aaron II died July 18, 1875.
10. Sarah born Sept. 22, 1810, married Joseph Carlton. This Carlton family settled at Bloomington, Illinois.
11. Eunice born July 16, 1812, died Aug. 7, 1825 when 13 years old.

Note: Three children of Aaron I. Hilton married three children of the same family of Nathaniel and Mary Carlisle Gould.

AARON II

Aaron Hilton II born Apr. 7, 1808, in Lincoln County, Maine, son of Aaron I and Lydia Webb, died July 18, 1875, at St. Clair, Minnesota. Married Jane Bailey Gould (born Nov. 8, 1811, died Nov. 5, 1895) in 1830 at Woolwich, Maine. Their children, six in number, follow:

1. Ebenezer born Jan. 14, 1832, Wiscasset, died Sept. 14, 1861, at Green Lake County, Wisconsin, age 29, unmarried.
2. Charles Sumner born in 1833 at Wiscasset, died in 1905 at St. Clair. Married in April, 1856, at Weyauwega, Wisconsin, to Huldah Dickinson, born Mar. 29, 1832, at Middleburg, Vt., daughter of Rev. Clark Dickinson and his wife, Sally.
3. Capt. George E. Hilton was born in 1836 at Wiscasset and died May 17, 1864, at Spottsylvania, Va., married to Aunt Deal. Burial, Virginia.
4. Augustus Frank born June 24, 1842, in Lincoln County, Maine, died June 28, 1898, at Eagle Lake. He married Helen Neatherby, born June 19, 1846, a young teacher of excellent family, in Fletcher, Vermont.
5. Stella Hilton born in 1847, died in Wisconsin in 1871. Unmarried.
6. Mary Mallet Hilton, adopted by Aaron and Jane. Married the most prominent surgeon in Wisconsin at the time of the Civil War.

CHARLES SUMNER HILTON

Charles Sumner Hilton, born in Lincoln County, Maine, in 1833, died in 1905, at St. Clair, Minn. Married in 1856 at Oshkosh, Wis., to Huldah, daughter of Rev. Clark and Sally Dickinson, born Mar. 29, 1832, at Middleburg, Vt., died Jan. 31, 1894, at Clinton Falls, Minnesota. Burials, St. Clair. Issue:

1. Alice Hilton, born at Weyauwega, Wis., April 13, 1857, died Dec. 31, 1912, at St. Maries, Ida. Married on Jan. 4, 1877, to Melvin B. Rasdall, born on Nov. 13, 1848, to Abial Rasdall of Kentucky and Lydia Pitcher of New York State. Lydia Rasdall Foster died at St. Clair in 1882. Melvin B. born at Madison, Wisconsin, died in 1909 at St. Clair. All burials at St. Clair.
2. Harriet a'Dell, born Aug. 27, 1861, at Mankato, Minnesota, died Feb. 29, 1932, at Pendleton, Oregon. Married by Rev. Welcome, Sept. 14, 1887, at St. Clair, to William John Henry, born at Jackson, Michigan to William Henry of Ulster and Bridget Nolan of Fermanagh near Dublin, Ire., on Mar. 29, 1862. William died Mar. 19, 1942, at Pendleton. Burials at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton. Bridget Nolan Henry, mother of William, born in 1840. Died at Jackson, Michigan, in 1897. Burial at Irish Hills near Detroit.

Alice Hilton, older daughter of Sum and Huldah, born Apr. 13, 1858, at Weyauwega, Wis., died Dec. 31, 1912, at St. Maries, on Jan. 5, 1877, married Melvin B. Rasdall, born on Nov. 13, 1848, at Madison, Wisconsin, who died in the spring of 1908. Burial at St. Clair. Issue:

1. Lulu Pearl Rasdall, born Mar. 19, 1878. Married 1. Chas. Hamilton, son of Dr. Hamilton of Belvue Hospital, New York, died, 1915. 2. Edward Beason of Tacoma in 1920.
2. Lee Rasdall born 1880 at St. Clair. Unmarried.
3. Effie a'Dell Rasdall, born April 10, 1883, at St. Clair, married April 10, 1903, at St. Clair, to Robert Brown, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, born in 1879, at Ayr in Scotland.

Issue:

1. Bernice Brown, born June 25, 1904, at Vernon Center, married August 31, 1928, at St. Cloud, Minnesota, to Maurice Gaylord Shuman, born in Buenos Aires, S. A. Issue:
   1. Alice Ann Shuman, born Oct. 27, 1931, at Nuttley, N. J.
   2. Twins: Kathryn a'Dell Shuman; Robert Arthur Shuman, born April 13, 1934, at Nuttley, N. J.

1. Alice Ann Brown, born May 31, 1910, at Glendive, Mont., married in August, 1935, to Aurelian Joseph Belanger, born 1905, at Eveleth. Issue:
   Joann Belanger, born Sept. 22, 1937, at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

4. Stella Rasdall, born in August, 1887, at St. Clair, married to William Lee, born in Tennessee, at Tacoma, Washington, in 1920. Died in 1929 at Los Angeles. Burial there.
5. Grant Rasdall, born in October, 1890, at St. Clair, married Jean Hutchinson of Salt Lake in 1916 at Salt Lake. Issue:
   Grant Rasdall, Jr., born 1921, at Los Angeles.
   Ruth Rasdall, born 1926, at Los Angeles.

DELLA HILTON LINE

Della Hilton, born Aug. 27, 1861, died Feb. 29, 1932, daughter of Sumner Hilton and Huldah Dickinson, married on Sept. 14, 1887, at St. Clair, to William J. Henry, born Mar. 29, 1862, died Mar. 19, 1940. Issue:

1. Ethel Jane Henry, born Oct. 24, 1888, at Pataha, Wash., married July 18, 1925, by Rev. Gardner in Kent Methodist Church near Seattle, Wash., to James Hugh Cook, born Sept. 23, 1881, at Johnson City, Tenn., to Andrew David Cook of Mountain City and Mary Elizabeth Thompson, born in 1850—died in 1888. Issue:
    1. James Earl Cook, born May 20, 1926, at Tacoma.
2. Dyer Sumner Henry, born June 6, 1891, at Austin, Minnesota. Married at St. Raphael's Church at Glasgow, Mont., on Dec. 19, 1916, to Blanche Gaertner, daughter of John P. Gaertner, born at New Orleans of Alsasian French descent, Apr. 15, 1848, now 96 years of age and Mary Jones, born at Praire du Chien, July 16, 1852.

    No issue.
3. Melvin Grier Henry, born June 8, 1893, at Clinton Falls, Minn. Married June 25, 1924, by Rev. Chas. Cole in Methodist Church at Belt, Mont., to Agnes Margaret Johnson, born Oct. 16, to Alma Sophia Carlson, who was born Sept. 22, 1867, Maristad, Sweden, now seventy-seven and in good health and Oscar Albin Johnson, born in Sweden, died Jan. 13, 1905, at Belt, Mont. Lutherans. Issue:
    1. William Grier Henry, born Oct. 20, 1925, at Tacoma, Washington.
    2. Carl David Henry, born Apr. 6, 1934, at Spokane, Washington.
4. Inez Alice, born Apr. 21, 1895, at Clinton Falls, Minn., married July 18, 1917, by Rev. Stone at the Methodist Church in Glasgow, Mont., to Raymond Hodgson, son of Judge William and Mrs. Powner Hodgson of Hastings and St. Paul, Minn. Raymond born May 10, 1888,

died at the farm North of Glasgow, Mar. 21, 1942. Burial Glasgow. Married 2. Elmer Tweten, born in western N. Dak., to Norwegian Lutheran parents, member of a large family. Father over eighty and in good health. Married in same Methodist Church. Issue:

Lillian Alice Hodgson, born Nov. 18, 1922, at Glasgow, Mont., married June 5, 1943, at Seattle, Washington, to Marral Shaffer of Oklahoma, a soldier in the World War.

GENEALOGY OF JANE BAILEY GOULD (GOOLD) (GOLD)

Data collected by Evie Gray Robinson of North Anson at Portland Historical Society from material in Stackpole's *"Old Kittery and Her Families"* prepared by Nathan Gould, war historian of Portland, Maine. Found on page 463. Also from *Hilton Ramily* by Rev. Henry O. Hager. Many references to Gould family in Walker's *"Embden Town of Yore."*

Line	Place	Spouse
1. Jarvice Gould		
2. John Gould		
3. Benj. Gould		
4. Samuel	1728 Kittery, Me.	Mary L. Grouch
5. Nathaniel	1776 Woolwich	Mary Carlisle
6. Jane Bailey Gould	1811 Woolwich, Me.	Aaron Hilton II
7. Charles Sumner Hilton	1833 Lincoln Co.	Huldah Dickinson
8. Alice Hilton	1858 Weyauwega	Melvin B. Rasdall
8. Della Hilton	1861 Mankato	William J. Henry

Note: Samuel Gould mentiond as a Revolutionary Soldier in *"Old Kittery and her Family" Page 463.* Stackpole.

REVOLUTIONARY GOULD (GOOLD) (GOLD)

Samuel Goold, born Aug. 8, 1728, at Kittery, died at Woolwich, Maine, Apr. 10, 1806. Married Mary L. Grouch, Aug. 27, 1782, at Wells, Maine. Mary was born 1729, died Feb. 7, 1808. Their children were:

1. John, born Mar. 4, 1752, married Aluhail Gray.
2. Hannah, born Sept. 28, 1755.
3. Lydia, born Oct. 27, 1757, married first Elizah Grant, second Morrill Hilton.
4. Sally, born Aug. 14, 1759, married Samuel Hilton.
5. Betsy, born Jan. 13, 1762, married Joseph Walker.
6. Mary, born Apr. 15, 1764, married Silas Hall.
7. Rebecca, born Dec. 24, 1765, married George Bailey.
8. Samuel, born Jan. 24, 1768, married Lydia Walker.
9. Benjamin, born Nov. 14, 1769, married Olive Walker.
10. Hannah, born Nov. 29, 1771.
11. Eunice, born Apr. 22, 1774, married Jesse Bailey.
12. Nathaniel, born Oct. 20, 1776, married Mary Carlisle.

Jane Bailey Gould, born at Woolwich, Maine, Nov. 8, 1812, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Carlisle Goold, who were married Nov. 23, 1779, by Rev. Josiah Winship. Jane was their seventh child. She married Aaron Hilton II, ninth child of Aaron I, her brother, Samuel Gould II, married Lydia Hilton, and another brother, Joseph C. Gould, married Jane Hilton, granddaughter of Lieutenant Moses B. Hilton. So the two Janes by marriage just exchanged their last names. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hilton II, settled in St. Clair, Minnesota. They had five children of their own and one adopted daughter. A line to investigate: Longfellow wrote "The Old Clock on the Stairs" about the grandfather clock in the Gold House—now called Plunkett House—at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Frances Appleton Longfellow, his second wife and the mother of the five Longfellow children, was the grand-daughter of the Golds—Goolds—Goulds.

Name	Birth and Dates of Death	Birthplace Settlement	Marriage Date	Spouse	Parents
William Hilton Salt Industry Fishing Fleet Northwich, Eng.	B. Approx. 1550	Lancaster, Eng. Northwich, Eng. Cheshire, Eng.	1569	Ellen Mainwaring d. (d. 1606 in London (	
William I The Pilgrim Member General Court	1585-1656	Northwich, Eng. Dover, N. Hamp. York, Maine	1616 Eng. 1648 Exeter	Young English woman (our ancestor) Frances ——— (of Exeter)	
William the Younger of Dover The Mariner	1642-1699	Dover, N. Hamp. York, Maine	1675 York, Me.	Ann Beal (History of Deed) by Hassam William's sister m. Arthur Beal	
Mainwaring (G. G. Mother's name)	1683-	York, Maine	1702 Berwick	Elizabeth Thompson d. (John Thompson g. d. (Niles Thompson	
Ebenezer I Farmer Killed by Indians	1703-1747	Berwick, Maine Pownalborough, (now Wiscasset)	1722 York, Me.	Mary Lord d. (Nathan Lord York, Maine (Mary Tozier	
Captain James of Revolution Lawyer	1739-1799	Manchester, Mass. Died at Bristol, Maine	Approx. 1760	Sarah Yeats of d. (	
John Hilton Farmer	1768-1833	b. Androscoggin County, Maine	1792	Sally Blunt (or d. (Blount) 1768-1849 (	
Ebenezer Blunt Hilton III Farmer	1799-1884	b. Androscoggin Co. d. California	Approx. 1873	Elisa Averill d. (	
Henry Hilton Farmer	1839-1899	b. Androscoggin Co. d. St. Paul, Minn.	1879	Eva Conklin of d. (Volney B. Conklin Steven's Point, Wisc. (Ella Noyes	
Roy Ebenezer Hilton Real Estate Business St. Paul	1881-	Kenyon, Minn. St. Paul, Minn.	1902	Phena Alice Manton of St. Johnsbury, d. (John S. Manton Vt. (Elizabeth Haskill	
Judson Daine Realtor, St. Paul Commissioned Officer World War II	1909-	Kenyon, Minn. St. Paul, Minn.	1939	Doris Elizabeth Clarke of d. (Clayton Delos Clarke Menomonie, Wis., (Claribel Yarmark b. Oct. 12, 1915 (Wisconsin	
Judith Clarke Hilton Judson Daine Hilton	Nov. 20, 1939 Jul. 8, 1944	St. Paul, Minn. St. Paul, Minn.			

Note: The Abridged Compendium of Genealogy of American Families contains information about most families. Many indexes give lines along which to follow. Admiral Bank's History of York Co. is authentic. He gives William the Pilgrim as son of William of England. Comp. calls him Roger. I prefer Admiral Bank's solution. The reader may hunt up the two lines, and try to prove his findings. Compendium states that William and Edward were grandsons of Lord John Hilton. Search for Averill, Blunt and Yeats lines.

CHAPTER IX

OTHER RELATED FAMILIES

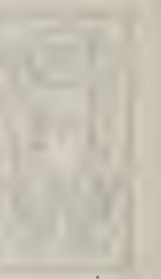
ROY EBENEZER HILTON

ROY HILTON was born in Kenyon, Minnesota. His was an unusually fine pioneer family, the members of which were originally New Englanders. His father, Henry Hilton, was a farmer; and his mother, Miss Eva Conklin, a woman of high mental ability. After they moved to Minneapolis, she became assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church. Roy Ebenezer attended Kenyon high school, from which he graduated in 1897. Carleton College was his alma mater. He received his diploma in 1901. He has a sister living in Minneapolis, Ruth Hilton Johnson. After his education was completed he married Phena Alice Manton, who was born in Vermont, but who moved to Kenyon when a child with her parents. Miss Manton had graduated from Kenyon high school. The family moved to St. Paul in 1909, where Mr. Hilton established a realty business in the Midway district. This family has the distinction of all being high school graduates; moreover, the four men have college diplomas. Roy Hilton was elected to the State Legislature in 1934 and has been a member ten years, having been re-elected during the critical presidential election of 1944.

Phena Manton Hilton is a woman of special attainment in her home, is an excellent mother, and holds membership in the "Dome Club," an organization composed of the wives of state representatives. The name, of course, comes from the dome of the state capitol, one of the most artistic in the world. She also belongs to the Bald Eagle Women's Club, and has been a P. T. A. officer. They are residents of Bald Eagle. Church: Episcopal.

HENRY MANTON HILTON

Henry, oldest son of Roy Eben and Phena Manton, was born in 1903 at Kenyon. He secured his grade and high school education in St. Paul, afterward attending the University of Minnesota, where he obtained his degree in business adminis-



tration in 1929. He is with the Aluminum Company of America in the position of priorities director. His wife was Alice M. Fowler of St. Paul. They have one child, Gerald Fowler, born in 1935 in St. Paul. Previous to her marriage, Alice Fowler was a dental technician. She is a talented young woman; prefers dramatics, and belongs to one of their organizations here in St. Paul. Residence, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JOHN BLISS HILTON

John, the second son of the Roy Hilton family, was born in Kenyon and educated as were his other brothers in St. Paul. He graduated from Central High School in St. Paul in 1927 and from Northwestern University at Evanston in 1931. Course: Business Administration. John Bliss now is assistant sales manager with the Rapinwax Company in Chicago. Constance Ann Gill, of St. Paul, is his wife. She studied in the Departments of Architecture and Art at the University of Minnesota, is a student of interior decorating and does exquisite needle work. She enjoys outdoor activities and belongs to a riding club. Children: John Bliss, Jr., born in 1935; twin daughters, Constance and Jaqueline, born October 20, 1939; and Stephen, deceased. Church: Episcopalian. Residence, Chicago, Ill.

JUDSON DAINE HILTON

Judson, born in 1909, is the fifth member of this interesting home. He finished high school at Central in 1926; then attended the State University of Minnesota, graduating in 1930. He specialized for two years in business administration and two years in law. He is the junior member of Hilton Realty Company. Organizations: Odd Fellows, Lions, State Guard. Military standing: First Lieutenant at Fort Benning, Ga. Doris Elizabeth Clarke, his wife, born October 12, 1915, finished high school at Menomonie, Wisconsin. She studied voice three years at the McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis. She is a member of a dramatic group, "The Penthouse Players" in St. Paul. Judson and Doris have two children, Judith Clarke, born November 20, 1939; and Judson Daine,

born July 8, 1944. Catherine Ann, deceased was the other twin born July 8, 1944. Doris Clarke's ancestory extends through the Clarkes back to the "Father of New Hampshire", brother of William Hilton, our Pilgrim. This interesting fact, however, does not make Judson and Doris relatives. Church affiliation: Episcopalian. Address: 1738 Princeton, St. Paul, Minnesota.

CLARK DICKINSON

1792 - 1870

Clark Dickinson, born in 1792, in Massachusetts, died 1872, was married in 1812 to Sally ———, who was born in 1798, in Middlebury, Vermont, died 1864, Oshkosh, Wis.

ISSUE:

Martha, b. 1814, Middlebury; d. April, 1833, Middlebury, Vt.
Harriet Young, b. 1826, Middlebury; d. May 3, 1880, Weyauwega, Wis.
Sarah, b. 1832, Middlebury; d. from 1840 to 1850, Weyauwega, Wis. Lightning.
Huldah, b. 1832, Middlebury; d. Jan. 31, 1895.
David, b. 1834, Green Bay; d. (?)
Another Child, Green Bay?

HARRIET DICKINSON WHITNEY

John C. Whitney, son of Samuel and Hope Whitney, born on May 19, 1821, in Chesterfield, *In Essex County, New York,* married by Rev. Cutting Marsh, at Brighton, Wisconsin, may 13, 1846, to Harriet Young Dickinson, daughter of Clark and Sally Dickinson. Harriet was born Oct. 13, 1826, at Middlebury, Vt. Issue:

1. James H. Whitney, b. Feb. 2, 1847, Stockbridge, Wis.
2. William C. Whitney, b. Sept. 19, 1850, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
3. Edwin Whitney, b. July 22, 1854, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.
4. John L. Whitney, b. Oct. 1, 1856, Weyauwega.
5. Frederick D. Whitney, b. Sept. 2, 1858, Lind.
6. Frank Utley Whitney, b. Sept. 2, 1858, Lind.

7. Charles H. Whitney, b. Sept. 22, 1866, Weyauwega, Wisconsin.
   Harriet Young Whitney died May 3, 1880, at 53 years of age.

RECORD OF THE DUANE RASDALL FAMILY

Duane Rasdall, son of Abial Rasdall and Lydia Pitcher, born at Madison, Wisconsin, Dec. 4, 1846, died Oct. 17, 1908, at St. Clair. Married on April 19, 1868, at Medo, Minnesota, to Jane Faley, born April 16, 1849, in Canada, died Aug. 26, 1921, at St. Clair. Burials St. Clair. Issue:

1. Jessie Rasdall, born April 25, 1870. Married Sept. 30, 1891, at St. Clair, to Henry Thillman, born Aug. 14, 1869. Issue:
   1. Viva, born Feb. 8, 1893, at St. Clair.
   2. Abbie, born Jan. 11, 1899, at St. Clair.
2. Charlie Rasdall, born Sept. 14, 1872, at St. Clair, died Oct. 27, 1909. Issue:
   1. Lester Duane Rasdall, born Nov. 24, 1905.
   2. Florence Jane Rasdall, born Aug. 10, 1907.
3. Grace Rasdall, born Dec. 17, 1875, at St. Clair. Married Nov. 23, 1899, at St. Clair, to Frank Chase, born at Derby, Vt., July 23, 1873. Issue:
   1. Duane, born Aug. 17, 1900, died Oct. 17, 1936, at Ogden, Utah. Married in June, 1931, at Ogden.
   2. Kenneth, born June 5, 1908. Married, June, 1930, at St. Clair.
   3. Stanley, born July 3, 1911, at St. Clair, died July 6, 1936, at St. Clair. Issue:
      Granddaughter of Grace and Frank, Beverly Jane Chase, born Mar. 10, 1932.
4. Mark Rasdall, born Jan. 24, 1878, at St. Clair. Married at Montevideo, Minnesota, June 1, 1920.

ADDENDA

RECORD OF MARY ANN NOLAN

Born, 1862

Peter Nolan, who was born in Ireland, near Dublin, and who died March 3, 1881, was married on September 20, 1857, to Ann Harrison, who also was born in Ireland but who died on September 29, 1878, at Manchester, Michigan. Issue:

1. James Nolan, born August 14, 1859. Died January 26, 1876. Age 15 years, 5 months.
2. Mary Ann Nolan, born Cambridge, Michigan, January 13, 1862, married February 23, 1879, to John White of Saline, Michigan, born April 4, 1856, died August 3, 1929. John White was the son of Chauncy and Bernica White. Bernica was born at Barry, New York State, May 7, 1815, and died at Manchester, October 26, 1893. Issue of Mary and John.
    1. Anna Bernica White, born June 14, 1880, at Cambridge, Michigan, died at Manchester, August 21, 1881.
    2. Winnifred L. White, born January 2, 1882, died May 11, 1944. High School and taught sixteen years.
    3. Gertrude B. White, born August 16, 1887, married April 16, 1913, at Manchester to Warren H. Rogers of Parma, Michigan, born August 9, 1882. Issue:
        1. Miriam C. Rogers, born June 2, 1916, married at Albion, Indiana, November 22, 1937, to Herman A. Wimmer of Canada, who was born August 24, 1915. Issue:
            1. Carol Lynn Wimmer, a great granddaughter to Mrs. Mary White, born April 23, 1943.
    4. Edithe C. White, born July 20, 1892, at Cambridge, Michigan, married June 5, 1924, to Dr. Marion A. Hunter of Warren County, Indiana, who was born May 17, 1898. Married at Detroit. Issue:
        1. Jane Ellen Hunter, born September 4, 1925, at Monroe.
        2. Mary Alice Hunter, born July 2, 1930, at Monroe.

WINNIFRED L. WHITE

Winnifred White was a teacher sixteen years. Like her mother she possessed a beautiful and patient disposition, much loved by the members of her family and her students. She was a graduate of Manchester High School, Ypsilanti State Teachers' College and Jackson City Business College. She passed away May 11, 1944.

GERTRUDE B. WHITE

Gertrude Rogers finished high school at Manchester, attended Normal at Ypsilanti, from which she graduated. She, before her marriage, taught five years. Mr. Rogers attended Fasset School in Jackson County and Jackson Business School. He is a contractor. Their daughter, Miriam, graduated at Parma Union High School and finished courses in Home Economics and Design at Michigan State College and Sappo Academy at Detroit. Her husband, Herman Wimmer, an accountant, is an employee of General Motors. They have one child, Carol Lynn.

EDITH C. WHITE

Edith Hunter received her high school education at Manchester. Graduated from the Ypsilanti State Teachers' College and Business College. She taught in the high school at Manchester and in Detroit. Dr. Hunter, her husband, is a graduate of high school in Columbus, Ohio, and of the College of Medicine at the University of Michigan. He was a surgeon with the U. S. Army two years and has now resumed his practice at Monroe, Michigan. They have two daughters, Jane E. Hunter, a graduate of the high school at Monroe, now a second year student in Home Economics at Michigan State College at Lansing. Her sister, Mary A., is a high school student, interested in piano and violin. Plays in the N. S. orchestra.

CHAPTER X

THE HILTONS IN THE CIVIL WAR

CHARLES SUMNER HILTON, born in 1833, in Lincoln County, Maine. He was named for Charles Sumner, the red-headed lawyer, abolitionist, and statesman of Boston, then only twenty-five years old. When Sum was a little boy of three, he ran away, and after many hours, was found asleep on a plank over a narrow, deep stream. Jane Bailey said he was, in ability, her most outstanding child. He was noted for his great strength and had been brought up along the salty shores of Maine, so when he moved to Wisconsin at sixteen years of age, he became a river pilot at Green Bay.

When he was twenty-three years of age he married Huldah, the daughter of Rev. Clark Dickinson, of Oshkosh, then moved to St. Clair, where the family built a saw and also a flour mill. He learned milling engineering, becoming expert at reading flow sheets and blue prints, and in the early days, built many flour mills in Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Dakota. He was known for precision in his work, and his salary always was ten dollars a day. He was a strict disciplinarian in his home, requiring complete obedience. When he was twenty-nine years of age, Alice, four, and Della, one, he enlisted in the Civil War. He became a Sergeant Orderly, who worked with the Adjutant for the General.

The Sioux Massacre at New Ulm had occurred that summer, and this Co. E, 9th Minnesota, was held in the state to keep order. After punishment had been meted out to the chief Indian offenders, in December, Co. E from Mankato went to Jefferson City, Missouri, then to Gunston, Mississippi with eight thousand men and two hundred fifty wagons. They engaged in the Battle of Brice Cross Roads. They had some Indian helpers and some negro troups. General Sturgis of the North called for a bottle in the Saddle and his men were deeply ashamed to have their commanding officer drunk. This was a fierce battle, also called the "Battle of Tishomingo."

The southerners cut the mules loose, burned all the wagons, and left our wounded northern soldiers mired in the mud, begging for water. The retreating northerners waded in water up to their knees. Another battle followed, dated June 15, 1864. Two officers were killed, six were captured, seven enlisted men killed, two hundred thirty-three enlisted men taken to Andersonville. They were penned in like cattle and brutally treated. Many of them were actually starved to death. When all bitter memories of the War are gone, the recollection of Andersonville and Libby will be the worst in American History. One Minnesota soldier was given thirty lashes on his unprotected back. Colonel Wilkin was worthy of great praise and made up for General Sturgis' failure. *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian War,* page 416-417, Adjutant General Office, State Capitol.

(The old red silk gold fringed flags that were carried through this battle are preserved under the beautiful dome of the State Capitol of Minnesota.)

When Sum came back from the south he weighed only ninety pounds and had weighed two hundred on enlisting. Another incident when he was a prisoner down south. He was sick in a hospital ward and snuck out to go up town. A negro jostled him into the gutter and we don't know what Sum did to the negro, but he ran with all speed back to the ward. In a few minutes officers entered saying, "Is this the one? Is that the one?" until they came to Sum Hilton. "This must be he. No, no, he is very ill, not strong enough," and went on by. He bought a watch on a long chain for Grandma Huldah and brought it back to her after the war. He made two trips to California, one in 1868, and the second, 1872. He never went away on a construction job, that he did not bring back material of the finest wool to his daughters for dresses.

CAPTAIN GEORGE

Office of Adjutant General, State Capitol,
Madison, Wisc.

George E. Hilton of Camp G, 5th Regiment of Wisconsin Infantry, was enlisted on the 18th day of April, 1861, by William A. Busch at Berlin for three years. Mustered in 13th day of July, 1861, as 1st Sgt. at Madison. Promoted to First Lieutenant Dec. 25, 1862. Commissioned First Lieutenant Feb. 3, 1863, to rank from Dec. 23, 1862. Promoted to Captain from First Lieutenant, May 4, 1863. Commissioned Captain, May 16, 1863, to rank from May 4, 1863, and died from wounds received in action at The Battle of Wilderness on 17th day of May, 1864, at Spottsylvania, Virginia. Resident of Berlin, Wisconsin. He was twenty-five years of age, black hair, dark complexion, was five feet ten and one-half inches in height.

Note:—His young wife, Aunt Deal, after this battle north of Richmond, between General Lee and General Grant, went to Washington, D. C., to visit him before he died, but the confederate officers would not give her a pass to go through the lines. She afterward married Mr. Downey.

AFTER THE WAR

A True Copy of a Letter Written To Mrs. Sumner Hilton

Weyauwega, Wisconsin
Sept. 15, 1870

Dear Sister:

Pa starts upon his journey tomorrow morning should nothing happen to prevent. I feel sad to think this may be the last visit and that perhaps I shall look upon him for the last time in this world. But thus is human life, made up of partings and sorrows. There are occasionally bright spots but how many clouds. We are well as usual. I shall not attempt to tell you news but will leave that for Pa at his leisure. My family is small at present as they are off near Berlin picking cranberries; John as cook. He keeps a boarding shanty; Johny and Fred have come home lame; some cannot stand it to be in the water so much. James is threshing now at Bloomfield. He has fixed up an old machine and it works like a top.

I did not answer your short letter as Pa was then going to start last week, but did not get ready. We are to have a Sabbath School picnic Saturday and tomorrow I must bake. I have a quilt on the frames, patchwork, flannels and delaines. I would have said a comforter but I am quilting it. It is hansome and I intend to quilt 2 more, one a white one and one in stripes all new. I have put off this kind of work too long and must attend to it. This place is quite healthy this summer. Mrs. Stoughton visited us this summer. She had her little Harry about 2 years old and he looks just as Willie did at his age. James sends his love to you and his picture and also one of Miss Jennie Puffer his girl and I suppose his intended. She is a fine girl and of a good family. Pa will tell you more. I hope should Pa be spared a few years, that I may visit Minnesota if we are able to raise the money. Pa's health is not very good here. I do hope you will not be as negligent in writing as you have been for the few years past. Give my love to Sum and the little girls. I hope some day to see you all face to face. Remember me to your Mother.

Your sister

HARRIET.

Reverend Clark Dickinson and his family of daughters and one son, David Dickinson, had lived at Middleburg, Vt., from a very early date. They migrated to Wisconsin at Green Bay in 1833. He preached from early manhood in the Methodist Episcopal Church, sixty years in all. He was Clerk and Recorder at Oshkosh in those pioneer days. He seems to have been a college man and had his family educated well. The daughters attended a school, taught by Mrs. Shurtliff. Harriet, who wrote the foregoing letter, was an older sister to Huldah, who had a twin. Huldah became Mrs. Sumner Hilton at Oshkosh. She was superintendent of the Congregational Sunday School at Saint Clair. Harriet was Mrs. John Whitney of Weyauwega, Wis., the mother of seven sons, two of whom were twins, Fred and Frank, also Ed Whitney. Their family history is found in this book.

Joseph Schafer in the Doomesday Book of Wisconsin mentions Clark Dickinson as a pioneer farmer in 1840. The census taker said his family numbered seven. Pages 139-140.

THE WAYSIDE INN SUDBURY, MASS.

CHAPTER XI

LADY WENTWORTH, by Longfellow

ONE HUNDRED years ago, and something more,
In Queen Street, Portsmouth, at her tavern door,
Neat as a pin, and blooming as a rose,
Stood Mistress Stavers in her furbelows,
Just as her cuckoo-clock was striking nine.
Above her head, resplendent on the sign,
The portrait of the Earl of Halifax,
In scarlet coat and periwig of flax,
Surveyed at leisure all her varied charms,
Her cap, her bodice, her white folded arms,
And half resolved, though he was past his prime,
And rather damaged by the lapse of time,
To fall down at her feet, and to declare
The passion that had driven him to despair.
For from his lofty station he had seen
Stavers, her husband, dressed in bottlegreen,
Drive his new Flying Stage-coach, four in hand,
Down the long lane, and out into the land,
And knew that he was far upon the way
To Ipswich and to Boston on the Bay!

Just then the meditations of the Earl
Were interrupted by a little girl,
Barefooted, ragged, with neglected hair,
Eyes full of laughter, neck and shoulders bare,
A thin slip of a girl, like a new moon,
Sure to be rounded into beauty soon,
A creature men would worship and adore,
Though now in mean habiliments she bore
A pail of water, dripping through the street,
And bathing, as she went, her naked feet.

It was a pretty picture, full of grace,—
The slender form, the delicate, thin face;
The swaying motion, as she hurried by;
The shining feet, the laughter in her eye,
That o'er her face in ripples gleamed and glanced,
As in her pail the shifting sunbeam danced:
And with uncommon feelings of delight
The Earl of Halifax beheld the sight.
Not so Dame Stavers, for he heard her say
These words, or thought he did, as plain as day:
"O Martha Hilton! Fie! how dare you go
About the town half dressed, and looking so!"
At which the gypsy laughed, and straight replied:
"No matter how I look; I yet shall ride
In my own chariot, Ma'am." And on the child
The Earl of Halifax benignly smiled,
As with her heavy burden she passed on,
Looked back, then turned the corner, and was gone.

What next, upon that Memorable day,
Arrested his attention was a gay
And brilliant equipage, that flashed and spun,
The silver harness glittering in the sun,

Outriders with red jackets, lithe and lank,
Pounding the saddles as they rose and sank,
While all alone within the chariot sat
A portly person with three-cornered hat,
A crimson velvet coat, head high in air,
Gold-headed cane, and nicely powdered hair,
And diamond buckles sparkling at his knees,
Dignified, stately, florid, much at ease.
Onward the pageant swept, and as it passed,
Fair Mistress Stavers courtesied low and fast;
For this was Governor Wentworth, driving down
To Little Harbor, just beyond the town,
Where to his Great House stood looking out to sea,
A goodly place, where it was good to be.

It was a pleasant mansion, an abode
Near and yet hidden from the great highroad,
Sequestered among trees, a noble pile,
Baronial and colonial in its style;
Gables and dormer-windows everywhere,
And stacks of chimneys rising high in air,—
Pandaean pipes, on which all winds that blew
Made mournful music the whole winter through.
Within, unwonted splendors met the eye,
Panels, and floors of oak, and tapestry;
Carved chimney-pieces, where on brazen dogs
Revelled and roared the Christmas fires of logs;
Doors opening into darkness unawares,
Mysterious passages, and flights of stairs;
And on the walls, in heavy gilded frames,
The ancestral Wentworths with Old-Scripture names.

Such was the mansion where the great man dwelt,
A widower and childless; and he felt
The loneliness, the uncongenial gloom,
That like a presence haunted every room;
For though not given to weakness, he could feel
The pain of wounds, that ache because they heal.

The years came and the years went,—seven in all,
And passed in cloud and sunshine o'er the Hall;
The dawns their splendor through its chambers shed,
The sunsets flushed its western windows red;
The snow was on its roofs, the wind, the rain;
Its woodlands were in leaf and bare again;
Moons waxed and waned, the lilacs bloomed and died,
In the broad river ebbed and flowed the tide,
Ships went to sea, and ships came home from sea,
And the slow years sailed by and ceased to be.

And all these years had Martha Hilton served
In the Great House, not wholly unobserved:
By day, by night, the silver crescent grew,
Though hidden by clouds, her light still shining through;
A maid of all work, whether coarse or fine,
A servant who made service seem divine!
Through her each room was fair to look upon;
The mirrors glistened, and the brasses shone,
The very knocker on the outer door,
If she but passed, was brighter than before.

And now the ceaseless turning of the mill
Of time, that never for an hour stands still,
Ground out the Governor's sixtieth birthday,
And powdered his brown hair with silver-gray.
The robin, the forerunner of the spring,
The bluebird with his jocund carolling,
The restless swallows building in the eaves,
The golden buttercups, the grass, the leaves,
The lilacs tossing in the winds of May,
All welcomed this majestic holiday!
He gave a splendid banquet, served on plate,
Such as became the Governor of the State,
Who represented England and the King,
And was magnificent in everything.
He had invited all his friends and peers,—
The Peperels, the Langdons, and the Lears,
The Sparhawks, the Penhallows, and the rest;
For why repeat the name of every guest?
But I must mention one in bands and gown,
The rector there, the Reverend Arthur Brown
Of the Established Church; with smiling face
He sat beside the Governor and said grace;
And then the feast went on, as others do,
But ended as none other I e'er knew.

When they had drunk the King, with many a cheer,
The Governor whispered in a servant's ear,
Who disappeared, and presently there stood
Within the room, in perfect womanhood,
A maiden, modest and yet self-possessed,
Youthful and beautiful, and simply dressed.
Can this be Martha Hilton? It must be!
Yes, Martha Hilton, and no other she!
Dowered with the beauty of her twenty years,
How ladylike, how queenlike she appears;
The pale, thin crescent of the days gone by
Is Dian now in all her majesty!
Yet scarce a guest perceived that she was there
Until the Governor, rising from his chair,
Played slightly with his ruffles, then look down,
And said unto the Reverend Arthur Brown:
"This is my birthday: it shall likewise be
My wedding-day; and you shall marry me!"

The listening guests were greatly mysttified,
None more so than the rcetor, who replied:
"Marry you? Yes, that were a pleasant task,
Your Excellency; but to whom? I ask."
The Governor answered: "To this lady here;"
And beckoned Martha Hilton to draw near.
She came and stood, all blushes, at his side.
The rector paused. The impatient Governor cried:
"This is the lady; do you hesitate?
Then I command you as Chief Magistrate."
The rector read the service loud and clear:
"Dearly beloved, we are gathered here,"
And so on to the end. At his command
On the fourth finger of her fair left hand
The Governor placed the ring; and that was all:
Martha was Lady Wentworth of the Hall!

From his TALES OF A WAYSIDE INN.

SOLON'S CENTENNIAL POEM

ONE of the features of the centennial celebration at Solon last week was the poem written for the occasion by Helen Hilton of Somerville, Mass., and delivered by this gentlemen as a part of the centennial exercises. Mr. Hilton, now a man approaching four score, is a native of Solon, descendant in direct line of one of the original settlers. He moved to Massachusetts about forty years ago. Visits from time to time to the home of his youth have kept him in touch with the affairs of his native town and he was full of interest when plans for the celebration were proposed. The following verses of his composing will be preserved as a condensed history of the town and it may well be imagined that they will be read with even greater interest at Solon's second centennial, 100 years hence.

It was one hundred years ago, perhaps fifteen decades,
A dark primeval forest stood on Solon's hills and glades,
Its hills and dales were then as now, and the river murmured near,
Where the antlered moose oft came to drink its waters pure and clear.

'Twas then that William Hilton came, a man both stout and hale,
And built his hut upon the shore beside the intervale
And with his sharp and gleaming axe, he blazed the bridle trail
And thus by horse and saddle-bags young Solon got its mail.

He was a veteran of the war, a man both true and tried
And all the wealth he then possessed was his young wedded bride.
Beside that lilly-padded stream the couple settled down
'Twas grandpa Will and grandma Kate that founded Solon town.

The years went passing swiftly by. The seasons came and went
They toiled away upon their land and knew no discontent
Although they toiled from day to day and saved a scanty hoard,
A lot of little Hiltons came and could not pay their board.

And as each year went rolling by another child was born
And every year they raised a child, they raised a crop of corn;
They filled them up on mush and milk and that's what made them grow
That's how they raised big families, one hundred years ago.

But Hilton in his lonliness did not have long to wait
New settlers came flocking in from out the old Bay state
And some came from New Hampshire. They were a sturdy band,
The smoke of their log cabins was seen on every hand.

Their work was most laborious while clearing up the land
But the fires of their big choppings were picturesque and grand;
They toiled from early morn till eve in heat and winter's snows
Until they caused the forest wild to blossom like the rose.

A lot of solid citizens located on the hills.
The Richardsons, the Jewetts, the Healds and Hunnewells,
The Drewreys and the Dearborns, the Bosworths and the Halls,
The Pierces and the Frenches, the Hobarts and the Pauls.

The men that settled Solon were of good old Yankee stock,
And some could trace their ancestry back to old Plymouth rock;
From such a strong foundation this community has sprung
And it is as patriotic as when the town was young.

All hail to the bold frontiersmen who came and settled here
All praise to their faithful consorts, those women we revere,
While they made the forest echo to music of the axe,
Their wives and pretty daughters were spinning wool and flax.

Where are those stalwart men of old?
Where are those ancient dames?
I stood beside yon churchyard gate and read some of their names;
They all have spun the thread of life. They all performed their parts
And have a grand escutcheon now engraved upon our hearts.

I note the little cascade that went rushing down the hill
It was a roaring torrent and drove Joe Buswell's mill;
Also I well remember when I drove the sorrel colt,
For he did not like its rumble, or the thumping of the bolt.

I mention E. G. Savage, he run the big hotel,
He was a military man, a general as well,
He loved to hear the bugle call, also the fife and drum,
He long ago departed and went to Kingdom come.

There were two gifted lawyers who practised in the town,
One was O. R. Bacheller and the other William Brown;
Each could stand before a jury and make an able plea,
They could pocket a retainer or write a warrantee.

And there was Mr. Sumner Webb, a man both shrewd and wise,
He kept the little village store and sold good merchandise.
He kept a fine assortment his customers to please,
And I think he could persuade them the moon was made of cheese.

How quiet and how home-like are those houses on the hills
Their frames are sound and solid from their ridge poles to their sills.
Although they were constructed near a century ago,
They have withstood the tempest, the rain and drifting snow.

And ofttimes in those ancient days they served a dainty dish,
The woods were full of venison and the river swam with fish;
They feasted on wild water fowl, the partridge and the quail,
And drank a healthy beverage, we name it Adam's ale.

The food that mother used to cook was good but very plain
In baker down before the fire and kettles on the crane;
I could not mention half the things that she knew how to make,
Brown bread and beans and apple pies and golden Johnny cake.

Quite well do I remember in eighteen forty-four
How I heated the brick oven, you bet I made it roar;
And Ma prepared the pork and beans, she could do it to a dot
And she baked them in that oven in an old three legged pot.

There is no form of language that I can now employ
That will describe the appetite of a big and hungry boy;
When I came in to supper from working at the plough
I smelled their sweet aroma, methinks I smell it now.

Down in the little schoolhouse, in district number four,
Miss Sylvester was my teacher, she now is Mrs. Moore.
She is still among the living and enjoying life I'm told,
She was a splendid teacher and worth her weight in gold.

But I am a back number you cannot fail to know
For I left the town of Solon near fifty years ago;
I dwelt in many places and wandered up and down,
But I can't forget my childhood in this little rural town.

I wander back into the past and view those six decades,
And think of dear associates, they were young men and maids,
They, like your humble servant, have seen life's morn decline,
Their youthful bloom has faded and their hair is white like mine.

There is a note of sadness that falls upon the ear
When all is joy and gladness, the faces now appear
Of friends that have departed, we love them none the less,
Their souls are with the angels and their bodies are at rest.

There are many reminscences of which I could rehearse
And had I the opportunity would put them into verse;
Among these many faces there are very few I know
But I thank you for your kindness and bid you Au-revoir.

IN A LITTLE TOWN

A STIR of enchantment
In a little old town;
A queen in a kitchen
In a spriggly gown;

A blue bird singing
Outside the door
Two yellow kittens
Asleep on the floor.

A red, red posy
In a jade-green pot,
Dinner all ready and
Piping hot;

The king comes in
And hangs up his crown
And kisses a lady
In a spriggly gown.

By EDITH FOSTER CHASE.

OUR HERITAGE

THIS day of days—Thanksgiving Day
A nation kneels to Thee
To render thanks, Almighty God,
For a homeland that is free.
To thank Thee for America
A land of rich increase
Where floats today Old Glory
Above a world at peace.
To thank Thee, God, for pioneers
Of earth and sky and sea,
Safeguarding this our heritage
Of home and sanctity.
Safeguarding this our country's flag
A sacrificial trust
The emblem of our liberty
Nor shall it trail in dust
To thank Thee this Thanksgiving Day
For a homeland, tried and true
For Freedom's gift of worship
And the faith our father knew.

By EDITH FOSTER CHASE.

I THANK THEE

Dear Father of mankind
On this Thanksgiving day
I thank Thee
For a land where Freedom's flag
Still waves on high,
Under a sky whose stars shine steadily
Not blotted out by droning planes of war.
The light is not blacked out for us at night
Our home is not a target for a bomber's thrust.
The boys and girls in this great land
Are free from gas masks and air alarms—
Please keep our country thus
For eyes that still see peace
For hands raised in salute to Freedom's flag
For hearts attuned to a democracy—

I thank Thee.

By EMMA MARIE GODEMANN
St. Clair, 1942

CHAPTER XII

WHO'S WHO

ALICE HILTON

Alice was a gay spirited girl. Her mother was the daughter of a minister, and she had a Christian background of conversation and reading. Even though her mother had been brought up in the East and received a good education, nevertheless, Alice and Della, like most early pioneer children, attended a one-room country school taught by men. Sometimes at St. Clair there were eighty children, many of whom went to sleep. Young men six feet tall were to be found with little pioneers five years of age, and discipline was a problem. Her chum was Alice Redner. They had McGuffy readers, Quackenboss histories, and their geographies were Atlas size, a real help in map study and also a screen for quiet whispering and making faces at some unpopular student. One teacher, J. B. Trogden, was outstanding; another made mysterious trips to the hall. When he prolonged his visits over the bottle, one of the girls went to the organ and all joined hands and circled to the left, Alice among them. When she was nineteen, she married Mel Rasdall. Five children were born and brought up in this home with very little sickness. She was a business manager always and very punctual: pie in the oven at nine, vegetables peeled and in cold water at nine-thirty, meat market at ten. When she put on her hat, her little cream-colored pug dog, Colonel, made the slippery edges of the dining room linoleum in about three rounds, preparing his high intelligence quotient for a bone. The table was always set in immaculate white in those old days. This true daughter of the Hiltons had a rubber-tired buggy without a top and a coal-black run-away Hamiltonian named Diamond, which no one else was ever allowed to drive. She loved good clothes and made one visit each year at Della's home. When her suitcase was opened, this ceremony never lost its enchantment, for sacks of golden candy corn and cocoanut biscuit, always valued highly, appeared, and four pairs of blue eyes in a row

popped out farther at each new discovery. The writer received a lovely ruffled apron with the smell of new calico about it or wide red satin hair ribbons each birthday. This account of the character of a woman has a personal point of view, but it is very revealing. Alice Rasdall had a long list of friends and was dearly loved both in and outside her home. Congregationalist.

MELVIN B. RASDALL

Melvin B. Rasdall of Mankato and St. Clair was born Nov. 13, 1848 at Madison, Wis., of English parentage. His father was Abial Rasdall from Kentucky, whose homestead was the land upon which the University of Wisconsin now stands. He operated a flour and feed mill there. Mel's mother was Lydia Pitcher, who, after her husband's death, moved to St. Clair with her boys. Melvin B. had a remarkable head on his shoulders. He was only fifteen when he ran away to the Civil War. He came home with a fine Confederate sword now in the possession of his son Grant. After the War, he attended Mankato Normal, graduating with the first class, only six in number. They were required to teach two years upon receiving a diploma, so he dropped out two days before graduation. He worked on the old Mankato paper, putting in jokes and setting type while attending Normal. The ambitious young man learned to be a druggist and as long as he lived owned the drug store at St. Clair. He was the Postmaster and a Mason. During the winter and summer Uncle Mel began his day at five o'clock in the morning, whistling. He was the most popular man in St. Clair, happy, helpful, and an excellent conversationalist, being well versed in history and politics. He loved books and people. Lily Rowell said, "Mel Rasdall had the most wonderful memory of any person she had ever known."

LULU and LEE

Lulu Rasdall Beason and her brother, Lee, live together in Los Angeles, California. Since Mrs. M. B. Rasdall passed away, Lulu has been a real mother to the other members of the family, and if anyone ever possessed beautiful traits of

character, it is Lulu Rasdall. She is a loyal relative and friend. Lee has a successful automobile business where there is no war, but he is now working for the Government. They live at 422 So. Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles.

GRANT RASDALL

Grant Rasdall, son of Melvin and Alice Hilton Rasdall, born at St. Clair Oct. 21, 1891, with his wife and two children, now lives in Los Angeles. Grant graduated from Mankato High School on the honor roll at fifteen. He also attended the University of Minnesota. He met Jean Hutchinson, who is the daughter and sister of Hutchinson and Hutchinson, lawyers in Salt Lake City. She had attended the University of Utah. They were married in Salt Lake in 1916. Grant enlisted in the first World War and was commissioned officer in France. Grant, Junior, was born in 1921. Junior enlisted and was received into service in the second World War. Their daughter, Ruth Rasdall, born in Los Angeles, now attends the University of Southern California and also studies music. Grant, Senior, at one time business manager for Paramount Studios, is now general plant employment supervisor for the Southern California Telephone Company. His address is 4227 11th Avenue, Los Angeles.

STELLA RASDALL

Stella, the fourth member of Alice Hilton and Mel Rasdall's family, was also born in St. Clair and went to school there. When she was seven or eight years of age, she was able to entertain her little brother and all of the cousins, with dozens and dozens of stories. It seemed as though the fund of The Three Bears and so on never ended. Much to the satisfaction of the young listeners. When the literary part of the program was finished, Grant would mount a chair and sing, "A Little Bird Went Out to Shoot One Day", through four stanzas, as well as other childhood songs, in a clear, high soprano voice. Stella was the most talented of the five children and received her education at St. Clair high school, after which she moved to the Pacific Coast. Here she married Wil-

liam Lee, a mechanical engineer in the employ of Shell Oil Company. Education: University of Tennessee. Not long after they had established their own English type home at Los Angeles she suddenly passed away. Mr. Lee married again. The name of his wife is unknown to the writer.

EFFIE RASDALL

Effie Rasdall and her husband, R. H. Brown, live in Minneapolis. Mr. Brown graduated from St. Cloud Normal, the State University, and has his master's degree from Columbia. Glendive, Montana, St. Cloud, and Virginia, Minnesota, are the localities where he has been superintendent of schools. Mr. Brown was born at Ayr, Scotland. Effie Brown has a lively mind and is a gay conversationalist like Uncle Mel. She has good taste in respect to color, balance, and convenience in arranging her home. She is a member of several women's organizations. Robert is a Mason. He is of the fine type of true Minnesota school men. Presbyterian. Their address is 4625 Lyndale Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

BERNICE BROWN

Bernice Brown, daughter of Robert and Effie, graduated from St. Cloud High School and Carleton College in 1926. She then taught in high school for two years. She went east with her family and took post-graduate work at Columbia and her violin from Walter Damrosch. In 1928 she married Maurice Schuman, born in Argentina, S. A., also a Carleton graduate, who is an employee of General Electric at Bloomfield, New Jersey. Bernice plays in the Nuttley Symphony Orchestra and has been business manager for this organization. She is like her grandmother, Alice Hilton. They have three children; a girl, Alice Ann; and the first pair of twins in five generations, Kathryn a'Dell and Robert Arthur Schuman. Their great, great grandmother, Huldah Dickinson, wife of Sum Hilton, having been a twin. Maurice attended grade school in Buenos Aires, after which he was sent home to relatives in the states for further education by his father, who for years was Y. M. C. A. secretary there. Two or three genera-

tions of Maurice's family were graduates of Hamline University. Congregationalist. Bernice Schuman lives at 58 Overlook Terrace, Nuttely, New Jersey.

ALICE ANN BROWN

Alice Ann Brown, second daughter of Effie Rasdall and R. H. Brown, graduated from the St. Cloud Teachers' College in 1929 and the University of Minnesota in 1933. She taught school two years; then married Aurilian Belanger in 1935. He is a member of a prominent pioneer French family. He graduated from Stout Institute at Menomonie and has his master's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1940. He is an engineer at the Pioneer Engineering Company, Minneapolis. They have one child, six years of age, Jo Ann, who looks like her great, great, great grandmother, Jane Bailey Gould. Alice Ann is a beautiful young woman. The Belangers live at 4541 Aldrich Avenue, South, Minneapolis.

WILLIAM HENRY

William Henry, born March 29, 1862, at Irish Hills near Jackson, Michigan, was the son of William Henry, born in Ulster, and Bridget Nolan, born near Fermanagh, Ireland. When Bridget came to Canada at eighteen, she became a teacher of penmanship. Her writing was perfectly round, similar to the old vertical. Her boy also became an excellent penman. When he was fourteen, he sought employment at Owatonna, Minnesota, where he attended high school for three years under George B. Aiton, who wrote an inscription in his autograph album showing respect for this young Irish boy. He read the English translation of the classics, took advanced high school arithmetic and bookkeeping. He earned his living by working in the flour mill at night. However, the old Hubbard Mill at Mankato, Minn., owned by George Palmer, Sr., was the place where William began to learn the milling trade. At that time he met his life-long friend, Alex Campbell, afterward Senator Campbell of Austin, Minnesota. Both boys were then eighteen years of age. His next experiments were brick laying and bookkeeping for three years at

Brookings. Here he was tested for honesty by the wise old German president of the bank. A five-dollar gold piece was hidden under a blotter. They found this young man scorned dishonesty. After having spied out the land of professions, like O'Shea, who was sent ahead by Moses into the Land of Canaan, he returned to beautiful Blue Earth County to work in the water mill at St. Clair, owned by Grandma Jane Gould Hilton, widow of Aaron II. He and Della Hilton were married here September 14, 1887. They went west to Patala, Washington, where their eldest child was born on Oct. 24, 1888, and where they remained two years; then returned to Minnesota and bought the little flour mill at Clinton Falls in Steel County. This burned in 1896. After this misfortune he became manager for the Alex Campbell Milling Company at Dodge Center. The last twenty years of his life were spent working for the Centennial Milling people in the Pacific Coast states. This completed sixty continuous years of flour milling, W. J., being seventy-seven years old when he died. He had worked that day. He was identified with the Baptist Church and the prohibition movement all his life and never failed as donor in any worthy charitable or religious enterprise. Buried at Pendleton, Oregon.

DELLA HILTON

Della Hilton, born at Mankato, was only one year old when Sum went to war in sixty-two. She was the favorite child of Grandma Jane and spent much time at her home. Her two friends were Helen Redner and Edith Foster Chase, still living in beautiful old St. Clair. Like all pioneer children, Della went to singing school with Alice. The teacher came from Mankato to their village. Della and Alice each had a guitar and an organ at home. The whole family could sing; moreover Sum and Huldah played the guitar and sang together, too. Alice sang soprano and Della alto. These singing-school pupils read accurately and in good pitch. Melodies from Haydn, Handel, and other classicists were included in those old song books. A mixed quartette, two members of which were Cy Finch as leader and Della as alto with Ethel Countryman Sawyer at the organ, made pioneer musical history at the

Clinton Falls, Minnesota Baptist Church. Other helps toward making the early church here a community unit were the Harvest Home Festivals and Maple Sugar Suppers. The real oaken timbers in the church at Clinton Falls Community were the Finches and Days, old, old friends of the Henrys. The ancient house on the hill above the mill pond at Clinton was a place of beginnings and endings. Here Melvin and Inez were born, and Grandma Huldah Hilton passed away on a cold winter day in '94. Here all the children, including the ten-day-old Inez had the measles. Della all her life was a militant temperance worker, having been president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in two towns where local option work voted out the saloon. In all matters of discipline and principle Della and her husband were in perfect harmony. She trained her children to regard temperance as one of the main virtues. She was also an immaculate housekeeper and cook. She made beautiful bread. Della required cleanliness from each member in the home. She was very critical of her family but not so about friends. Loyalty and truth were her outstanding traits. She was a typical Jane Baily Gould, and lived to be seventy years old. She was mentally and physically very strong up to the end, which took place February 29, 1932. She is buried at Pendleton, Oregon.

ETHEL HENRY

Ethel Henry, named after Jane Bailey Gould, graduated from the Dodge Center, Minnesota, high school, then proved upon a homestead at Opheim, Montana in 1915. She was one of the first six pioneers in the entire north country in eastern Montana. While homesteading, like hundreds of other young women, she taught school, one family of six children receiving their entire education of three months from her. Sunday School was held regularly in this home and the westerners called her The Little Missioner of the Big Dry. She graduated from Hamline University in 1916, having majored in English and Latin, was principal at Woodland, a school near Tacoma; married at Seattle, to James Hugh Cook, a Tennessean of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. Cook is senior chemist with the Centennial Flour Milling Company at Tacoma, Washington.

He became the fourth generation of this flour milling family. They have one son, James Earl. At the end of his Junior year in high school he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Methodist. Address "Alki" 2526 56th Avenue, S. W., Seattle, Washington.

DYER HENRY

Dyer Sumner attended school at Dodge Center, Minnesota, where as a youthful humorist, he had a great following. He was also liked by his teachers. He finished three years of high school, then went to Opheim, Montana, where he filed on a homestead near the Canadian line. Miss Blanche Gaertner and Dyer were married in 1916. These young people were members of two homesteading families who maintained one home where the parents were heads of the house and the young people lived with them. Pioneering meant exchange of labor, machinery, house raisings, barn dances, and gay parties, also church on Sunday. Education was strongly emphasized. Blanche had graduated on the honor roll from Wayne, Nebraska high school, then received her diploma from Wayne State Normal. Before she was married, she taught at Omaha, Nebraska, and Valley County, Montana. She is a botanist, knowing the technical names of all flowers and plants. Dyer in later years bears a very strong resemblance to the Hiltons. He has been for a long time an employee of Armours. Catholic. Their address is 4523 Davis Avenue, Morningside, Sioux City, Iowa.

MELVIN HENRY

Melvin Henry, named for Melvin B. Rasdall, finished high school at Dodge Center, where he received a scholarship to Carleton. However, not wishing to attend college, he went to Opheim, Montana and farmed. He still keeps his claim, which is cultivated by his sister. While in Montana he married in 1924, Miss Agnes Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Johnson, widow of a wheat rancher of Belt near Great Falls. Agnes was salutatorian of her class in high school and graduated from the Deaconess Hospital at Great Falls. Melvin secured employment with the International Correspondence Schools,

having charge of their offices in Tacoma and Spokane. He is now manager of their Mountain States District at Salt Lake City. William Grier, nineteen years of age, who attended Salt Lake City high school and the University of Utah, is now training in aeronautics with the Army Air Corps. There is also Carl David, ten years of age. Methodist. Address, 840 South 6th East, Salt Lake City.

INEZ HENRY

Inez Alice, the youngest child of Della Hilton and William Henry, received her education from Dodge Center high school and Mayville State Normal, where she graduated. She moved to Opheim, Montana, with the other members of the family, but was too young to file on a homestead. However, she taught a brief term, six months, then married Ray Hodgson, son of Judge William Hodgson of Hastings and St. Paul, Minnesota. Ray had a farm north of the Henry place. After twenty-five years, he passed away. Inez married Elmer Tweten, a bachelor farmer of excellent connections in the neighborhood. She has one daughter, Lillian Alice Hodgson, a graduate of Opheim High School, who is married to Marrall Shafer, a young soldier, member of a farm family in Oklahoma. Methodist and Lutheran. Address, Mrs. Elmer Tweten, Opheim, Montana.

JESSIE RASDALL

Jessie Rasdall and her husband, Henry Thillman, have lived a peaceful, uneventful lifetime at St. Clair. They have prospered, have a nice home, where four generations celebrate their holidays together. St. Clair is mellow and one of the most beautiful old towns in Minnesota, and these people are like the town, substantial and orderly. Congregational church.

GRACE RASDALL

Grace Rasdall and her husband, Frank Chase, of St. Clair, lived forty-five years on the farm, which used to be the Winnebago Indian Agency. Their home there was the historic Agency House, a true old Colonial type brick home with two

brick chimneys and the walls sixteen inches thick. Here their children were born and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rasdall died; a place where sun and shadow played through the tall elms upon the old red walls. When they left the farm, they bought a beautiful home in town. Grace is a lifetime member of the school board and her husband is retired. Congregational church.

EDITH FOSTER CHASE

Edith Foster, mentioned before, is the wife of Jake Chase, a citizen highly respected by everyone he knows. She is the only person in St. Clair who is well known. Her poetry is nationally recognized, appearing in every poetry magazine in the United States. Her lyrics have the quality of John Greenleaf Whittier. She is a pastoral writer and has received hundreds of letters of appreciation for the comfort that these homey sentiments have given to readers in every part of the United States. We are proud to have her in this book.

HENRY HILTON

"Henry Hilton, second cousin of Charles Sumner Hilton, married to Katie Donahue of Mankato, sister of Mrs. Henry Murphy, was the son of Joseph and Sarah Hilton, who always lived in Maine. Joseph and Sarah had seven children in all and were highly respected people." From the *History of Minnesota Valley.*

Henry and Katie Hilton had a large family, among whom were Charles, William, Eben, Libbie, Ralph and Maggie. The Henry Hiltons always lived in St. Clair and Grandma Jane spent her last years with them.

Note the old family names Charles, William, Ebenezer and Henry.

LURA DOUGHTY

Mrs. Lura M. Doughty of Los Angeles, California, is a direct descendent of William, brother of Lieutenant Moses Hilton. Her mother was Sarah Hilton Paine of Illinois. Her husband is Abel Cyrus Doughty. They have two daughters: Mrs. John Gregson and Mrs. Nicholas Santi; and several grandchildren. Mrs. Doughty and her husband are both genealogists. She is from the McKenney-Hilton line of Solon and Wiscasset. Address, 6381 Orange St., Los Angeles.

ADDENDA

The Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire, compiled by Colonel Banks, states that "Captain William Hilton, baptized in Northwich 22 June 1617, distinguished navigator and cartographer was the son of William of Northwich, County Chester and brother of Richard." He has been mentioned before as the explorer of Florida. He was the Captain of "The Edward Hilton" a ship plying between Portsmouth, Charlestown, Barbados and England. This ship transported slaves, molasses, tobacco and passengers. Captain Hilton was often referred to as "Sir William" according to Hassam.

The Hilton Coat of Arms, an authentic one found in ancient manuscripts, was obtained in England by Judge Clifford Hilton. The French motto translated, means "As much as I am able".

The illustrations of the sword rests were taken from a volume in the beautiful and dignified reference room of the Saint Paul Public Library. They were from All Hallows, a very old church built before the Reformation near London Bridge. Baby William Penn was here presented for baptism by his father, Admiral Sir Penn, a rabid royalist. After William Penn had been imprisoned three times for his espousal of Quakerism, he sailed for America and founded Philadelphia. A Quaker Chapel marks his burial place in England, where he died on a trip.

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